

The battle against the demonic.

Text: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Luke 10:1-20

Food for Thought for the week of October 16, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. Why do we, in the western world, fail to recognize that we are engaged in an ongoing spiritual war?
2. What tactics does Satan use to deceive us?
3. What makes us act as though scientific methods are more effective than prayer? (i.e. Why do we go to God as a last resort?)
4. In what ways does “what we think we know” obstruct our view of scripture?
5. What was Jesus’ worldview?
6. How would you define a stronghold?
7. Discuss the possibility of Satan having a stronghold in a Christian’s life.
 - a. What might cause a stronghold in a Christian’s life?
(see Ephesians 4:26-27)
8. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 tells us that we have been given divine power to destroy strongholds. What things keep us from using this power?
9. How can we take every thought captive to obey Christ?
10. In what ways does Satan use our past experiences to deceive us into believing that God only loves us conditionally?
11. In Luke 9:1-2, Jesus gave the apostles authority, which is an absolute we also have in Christ. How does power differ from authority? What things can we allow that will marginalize God’s power in us?

Application:

1. If Jesus is commissioning us with power and authority, what are some ways can you act on His commissioning?
2. If you saw things like illnesses, accidents, politics, etc. as aspects of spiritual warfare, how would you change your prayer life? (This is not saying that every illness, accident, etc. is from the devil. The intent is to have you consider it, etc.)

Additional Scriptures: Romans 7:18-25; Romans 12:2; Ephesians 2:1-3; Ephesians 6:12; 1 Corinthians 4:20; Colossians 2:13-15

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