

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

THE WEAPONS OF POWER

2012-13 Bonus Verse

HEAD

Memorize what it says.

“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NIV84)

HEART

Understand what it means.

The weapons of spiritual warfare are not like the limited weapons of the flesh, but are empowered by God to destroy every obstacle of falsehood and pride that opposes Him. These weapons give us the ability to capture every thought in obedience to Christ, either to accept it and live by it as truth or to reject it as a lie.

See what Paul said about the weapons of our warfare. – Ephesians 6:11-17
What does Paul mean by fighting the “good fight”? – 1Timothy 1:18

HANDS

Put it into action.

We are at war, not just against physical forces, but against spiritual forces. We are to be equipped with the right weapons for spiritual warfare: truth, righteousness, the readiness of the gospel, faith, salvation, and the word of God. We are to use these tools skillfully through prayer, biblical understanding, responding according to the truth, while putting faith into action through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are to oppose lofty opinions built on lies, wrong thinking and wrong behavior.

TAKE CAPTIVE EVERY THOUGHT.

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Student Study Questions
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- Is the Christian life safe?
- Why is there so much talk about weapons and warfare in the Bible?
- What are the two kinds of weapons described in this passage?
- Which ones have limited power, and which ones have unlimited power?
- What does the word “divine” mean?
- What does the word “demolish” mean?
- What three things are demolished?
- What does this passage mean by “strongholds”?
- How is a stronghold like a fortress or an addiction?
- What is a “pretension”?
- What do these strongholds, arguments and pretensions have in common?
- How do we take hold of the weapons of divine power?
- How do you take a thought captive?