



Defeating the Strongman

#5 Priority 1



John 10:10 *'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'*

- **Steal** – used to have it, but now you don't
- **Kill** – it was alive and flourishing, but now it is dead
- **Destroy** – something in your life that could have been powerful; a destiny that has been stopped.



1 John 5:19 *'We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one'*

Luke 4:18-19 *'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'*

1. WHO IS STRONGER?

Luke 11:21-22 *'When the strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armour in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.'*

Colossians 2:15 *'And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.'*

2. THE STRONGMAN'S ARMOUR



Intimidation – like a roaring lion



Unbelief – that stolen goods are lost forever



Doubt – I'll never recover...



Hopelessness – I'll never be able to reach my destiny



Fear – this will happen again

2. THE STRONGMAN'S ARMOUR

Luke 10:19 – *I have given you the authority to trample on spiritual evil and over all the power of the enemy*

3. FILL THE VOID

Luke 11:24-26 *'When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, "I will return to the house I left."*

'When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there.

And the final condition of that man is worse than the first.'

3. FILL THE VOID

TWO AREAS TO BE ACTIVE IN:

(a) The Word of God

Psalm 119:11 *I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

Ephesians 5:17 *Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.*

(b) Be Filled with Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:19-20 *Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.....*

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4. RECOVER PERSONAL PROMISES

2 Corinthians 1:20 *'For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through Him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.'*

ISAIAH 54:1-3A

Sing, O barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labour, because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband, Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left....



ISAIAH 54:4

Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth, and remember no more the reproach ...



ISAIAH 54:6-7

“The Lord will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit – a wife who married young, only to be rejected,” says your God.

“For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back.”



ISAIAH 54:10

“Though the mountains be shaken, and the hills removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken, nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

ISAIAH 54:14-15

“In righteousness you will be established: tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you. If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will surrender to you.”



ISAIAH 54:17

“No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me,” declares the Lord.