

FATHER'S HEART MINISTRIES  
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BUILD IT RIGHT

**Matt.7:24-27**

- What is the difference between the “*rock*” and the “*sand*” “*hearer*”? Both heard the Word. Only one heard it and did it!
- To be a wise man, I hear with a heart to do, and then, do it. This is building on the rock. The house is built on hearing and doing.
- Storms reveal the foundation and structure of the house.
- Hearing = the prophetic, doing = the apostolic.

**Matt.16:15-18**

- Jesus is building His Church on the revelation of *Who He Is!*
  - \* We don't build movements.
  - \* All new revelations should be built on top of the last ones to fully reveal Christ.
- “*Revealed*” is the Greek word, **Apokalupto**.
  - \* “*Revealed*” means, “to remove a veil, or covering”, “exposing to open view what was before hidden”. “To make manifest or reveal a thing previously secret, or unknown.
- “*Gates*” refer to governments, or decision making powers. The gates of hell are prevailing in the church today:
  1. *Church splits*
  2. *Church – hopping*
  3. *Doing what is right in our own eyes*
  4. *No standards in relationship*
  5. *Lawlessness*
  6. *Self-governing*

Judgment must begin in the house of God. Our ministry, home, individual life must get the beam out of our own eye before we can deal with the speck in the Church and the world.

**Mk.8:15**

Here we have two types of leaven:

- Leaven of Herod:
  1. Self-indulgent, fleshly lifestyle, lawlessness
- Leaven of Pharisees:
  1. Legalism
- Most Churches are either operating in one or the other!

- A life of faith and obedience keep you out of a leavened lifestyle!
- Hear and do the Word!

### **Hypocrisy – Lk.12:1-3**

- Hypocrisy = *hupo* + *krisis* (*judgment*) It never deals with reality, always someone else's fault; takes no personal responsibility. It means, "to act" or "to play the part on stage while wearing a mask" *In your speech and in your action you imitate the character you are representing!*
- There is pretending in the pew because there is pretending in the pulpit.
- The world has seen a Church that believes one thing technically, but believes something else practically.
- Hypocrites believe one thing in theory and another thing in practice.

### *"I will build My Church"*

- "Build" is the Greek word **okiódomeo** and it means, "To edify" Jesus said that He would build a Church that would rise and flourish. We get this same word in: *1 Cor.14:5, 12, and 26.*
- We must understand that God is a builder. He always uses a pattern, a blueprint for everything He builds. He is an Architect! He gives the commandment to build, and then He gives directions on how to build!
- Look at the models of excellence from what He has built in the past:
  1. Noah's ark – Gen.6-7
  2. Altar – Ex.20
  3. Tabernacle of Moses – Ex.25
  4. Tabernacle of David – 2 Sam.7
  5. Solomon's Temple – 2 Chron.28:11-12
  6. Jesus Christ – Jn.1:14
  7. Church – 1 Cor.6:19-20
- What made Noah's ark to float? He did exactly what the Lord said to do. He built it by the Lord's design and it floated and saved a nation.

### **The example of Jesus**

- **Jn.1:14**  
*"Dwelt"* is Tabernacle, Jesus was the dwelling place of God upon the earth. He lived according to exact specifications.

- He pleased God in every respect. *"In whom there was no sin"*
- *"And we beheld His glory"* God's dwelling place will always manifest His glory.

### **The example of the Church**

- *"Ecclesia"* means *"the called out ones"* We are the dwelling place of God upon the earth – 1 Cor.6:19-20
- *"To call"* is the Greek word, *"kaleo"* It not always refers to the whole group, but a portion of the group.
- Historically, when a calling went out into the military – a call for a specific unit for a special battle!
- This word was used to bring together out of the Church those who could make righteous judgments in matters that pertained to the city – a judicial branch.
- God has ordained that the church not loose its mark on society, but to rule and reign and to make righteous judgments.

### **Three characteristics of God's building projects:**

1. Must be built according to God's pattern:  
If God calls something to be built, He always gives the blueprints.  
He is Holy about this process of building.  
We are not the Architect, we are only the builders  
Fear of the Lord must override fear of man or social and religious traditions.
2. Must bear His Name:  
Whose Church is it?  
We do not have ownership! We are stewards and managers of God's mysteries!  
God's glory and presence is always validated and filled the building after it had been built by design.

**If we want to behold His glory, we must build by His design.**

### **Strongholds - they keep us from doing the will of the Lord**

- Ochuroma – fortresses, bastions of resistance, fortified dwelling that is a source of protection, structures of our thinking, an island or beachhead of thinking.
- A people will not walk in freedom until their leaders walk in freedom. We must be willing to have our hearts exposed to see our own strongholds.

- **Definitions**
  - (a) Phronecian  
Mindsets, the house of thinking, thoughts, patterns
  - (b) Logosmon  
Mentalities, ideas, imaginations, reasoning, temperaments
- “*Phronecian*” is the house; “*Logosmon*” are the individual rooms in the house. The house got to be torn down. “*Pulling down strongholds*”
- We have two pictures in our soul:
  - (a) What we learned we should believe as truth;
  - (b) What we actually believe as true

Example:

Love of Heavenly Father: (1) My perspective (2) Biblical view

- Scripturally correct truth cannot always penetrate a soul that is filled with strongholds.
- If we desire to be changed, there must be a time of exchange! We must exchange our old beliefs, ideas, memories, emotions, expressions, for the new revelations (truth) that are provided by the spirit of the Lord.
- Unrenewed mind, rigid in mindsets formed from wrong sources can distort the most beautiful spiritual truth. This is the reason we must continue the process of washing in the Word from the New Birth.
- Realise that we come to Christ with old attitudes, wrong patterns of thinking etc. Some believers try to inter-mingle their own concepts with His Truth.

## **Eight types of strongholds**

### Suspicion

Being painfully deceived can cause the building of a stronghold of suspicion to protect against being deceived again. This stronghold will resist intimacy with God.

### Doubt

This stronghold is one of the most obvious. Doubt nullifies faith! Doubt causes you not to inherit the promises of God. Doubt makes you double-minded! You always halt between two opinions!  
You waver! You are easily blown off course. You have no point-of-view.

### Independence

Rejection can cause the building of a stronghold of independence and self-sufficiency around pain, fortifying a right to never be vulnerable again. This can include any vulnerability to the work of the Holy Spirit!

### False security

When unmet needs exist, a stronghold of false security may be erected. This stronghold projects a façade of great strength intended to keep others from knowing how internally fragile and needy you are! This can extend to keeping God at arm's length!

### Confusion

Confusion is erected by the old nature to mask the true understanding of a given issue or many issues. It leads to discouragement and depression.

### Un-forgiveness

When someone has been abused or deeply hurt, unless forgiveness and healing comes, strongholds of un-forgiveness, bitterness or anger is erected to justify the role of being a victim.

### Distrust

Betrayal can cause the building of a stronghold of distrust to prevent anyone from getting close enough to betray again. This person will generally also be unable to fully trust God whose perfect love cast out fear!

### Control and manipulation

It is built to justify and protect the right to indulge self to compensate for unmet needs and pain. This stronghold also justifies a right to chemically alter reality with drugs or alcohol to blot out pain.

### Fear

Fear is a common, but slightly different kind of a stronghold. It is erected around great apprehension and anxiety over unresolved expressions and memories.

### Denial

It refuses to acknowledge any of the above things. Denial is a valid, temporary mental and emotional coping mechanism to enable the human mind to survive certain traumatic situations. But it becomes dangerous when you don't come out of it!

**Strongholds are not devils! Devils live in strongholds!**

## **2 Cor.10:4-5**

***“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ”***

“Warfare” here is translated from the Greek word *strateia*, meaning apostolic, career, military service (as one of hardship and danger). It is related to the Greek word *strateuomai*, meaning to execute the *apostolate* with its arduous duties and functions and to contend with carnal thoughts.

Apostolic warfare is directed toward wrong mindsets.

There are certain strongholds that cannot be destroyed without the apostolic anointing!

“Stronghold” is the Greek word *ochuroma*, meaning a fortress, a castle, a fortified place. Satan and his demons have fortified themselves from invasion.

Remember the apostolic and the kingdom is inseparable!  
Demonic strongholds are Satan’s means to resist kingdom advancement!  
Apostles have the ability to confront and pull down these strongholds!

The apostle Paul links these strongholds with “*imaginations.*”  
This is the Greek word *logismos*, meaning reasoning, thought, computation or logic. It carries the idea of holding something safely. It is simply the way people think based on their way of life, tradition, experience or past teaching!

Strongholds are also made up of demonic influence!

## **Jas.3:15**

This verse says that there is a wisdom that is earthly, sensual and devilish!

Strongholds are the mind-sets of people in a particular territory. These mind-sets are fortified places that keep out truth and hold in lies!  
Unbelievers have mind-sets that prevent them from receiving the truth of the gospel. Spiritual warfare involves demolishing these mind-sets so that people can receive and walk in the truth.

A stronghold is a forceful, stubborn argument, idea or philosophy that is formed and resistant to the knowledge of Jesus Christ!  
Strongholds are barriers against the knowledge of God!

The enemy controls a territory by the installation of a mind-set that is against God! People become fixed and rigid in their ways. Their minds are closed and hardened to truth and revelation.

Mind-sets are thought processes of people groups who have developed a way of thinking over centuries of time!

Mind-sets are not easy to change!

It takes an apostolic anointing to break through the defensive barriers in their minds and overcome the pride associated with their way of thinking! These strongholds are so strong that they are likened to a fort, a citadel, a garrison, a castle, a tower, a safeguard.

### **Types of mind-sets**

- Materialism is a mind-set that bases happiness on success.
- Hinduism is a mind-set.
- Islam is a mind-set.
- Communism is a mind-set –
- Hinduism, Islam, communism are ideologies and philosophies of life – They are powerful strongholds that can only be overcome through apostolic preaching and teaching.
- Most of what we call “*racism*” is really a mind-set that compare and value humans based on pre-set standards that exist in the unrenewed mind. For instance, we talk about the “*coloured mind-set*” or the “*black mind-set*”
- **My views on the coloured mind-set:**

The coloured mindset is an inwrought philosophy of life that has grown from a deep root of rejection and is maintained by its companion root of pride!

Personally, I hate the term “*coloured*” but for the purpose of our text, I will use it! “*Coloured*” people are generally seen as “*draad-sitters*” because of their apparent inability to come to a firm internal resolve!

Our people are plagued by what I call the “*Have-not-know-not-cannot*” mentality! Since they “*have-not*” they always seek for some handout which entrenches the belief that they can never achieve!

Leadership potential is almost non-existent because of the “*you-can't-tell-me-anything*” syndrome!

Competition, rivalry, "*party-politics*" and "*I-won't-submit-to-you*" attitudes have permeated our society!

Since rejection is at the root of this mind-set, let us explore this subject further:

The spirit of rejection manifests in two basic ways:

- (1) It prevents the giving and receiving of love in a normal manner
- (2) It renders its victim unable to feel any love whatsoever

A person who is bound by this spirit will seek a worldly form of love which is lust!

Another spirit that shares the root problem is *fear of rejection*.

It can cause you to develop obsessions about people or become a stalker of a famous personality. This is also a method of attention seeking and manipulation to force people not to reject you!

Rejection leads to an identity crisis! You develop a low-self-worth which distorts your true value before God! This leads to seeking affirmation and acceptance! You will sell your soul to be accepted

Schizophrenia stems from severe rejection especially by one's mother from an early age. Schizophrenia is a combination of two roots – *rejection* and *rebellion*. The personality of the afflicted person is overshadowed by the two personalities of rebellion and rejection and the real personality does not develop.

The person will display either withdrawal (*rejection side*) or aggression (*rebellion side*) and when confronted will leave the real self exposed and vulnerable.

This is called an identity crisis with the response, *Who Am I?*

### **The Root**

- Rejection

### **Companion Roots**

- Fear of Rejection
- Self Rejection

### **Branches of Rejection**

- Criticism
- Isolation
- Depression

- Suicide
- Mental Illness
- Schizophrenia

### **Fruits of rejection**

- Hopelessness
- Resentment
- Hatred
- Delusions
- Rebellion
- Obsessions
- Moodiness
- Manipulation
- Worthlessness
- Fantasy
- Self-destruction
- Exhibitionism
- Fantasy Lust
- Child Abuse
- Shyness
- Crying
- Witchcraft
- Shock Tactics
- Lovelessness

### **Solutions**

- Re-establishing the identity
- Deliverance
- Forgive all imagined or real hurts
- Renewing the mind with the Word, especially on knowing your identity in Christ:
  1. Gal.2:20
  2. Col.3:3
  3. Col.1:27
  4. Phil.1:21
  5. Eph.1-8,11,13
  6. Eph.2:6-7

**YOU ARE ACCEPTED IN CHRIST  
CHRIST IS YOUR LIFE**

Remember:

Apostolic ministry has the power and authority to destroy strongholds and change mind-sets. There is a grace, a supernatural ability to refute, disprove, discredit and expose these philosophies for what they are.

Although every believer has the rank to cast out devils, apostles walk and minister in the highest rank. Apostles are spiritual commanders of the Church!

Isa.55:4

*“Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people”*

*“Commander,”* as used in this verse, is the Hebrew word *tsavah*, meaning to command, send a message, to put or set in order! The Church needs apostolic leadership to help set the Church in order! They help organise and mobilise the believers into an army!

Apostolic people are people who strike fear into the camp of the enemy!

If you are *“apostolic”* then you are free from rejection, fear, pride, lust and all works of the flesh! **YOU ARE DEAD TO YOURSELF!** The Devil cannot touch *“dead”* people!

Conclusion

It is time to renew the mind with the Word of God  
It is a time for deep introspection – allowing the Spirit to search your entire life: body, soul and spirit!  
God is waiting for you to come forth!  
God is desiring the real you to arise!

**GIVE YOURSELF!  
GIVE YOURSELF UNRESERVEDLY!  
GIVE YOURSELF FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING HIS  
KINGDOM!**

**SHAKE OFF YOUR PAST!!!  
SHAKE IT OFF, NOW!!!**

**YOU ARE SPECIAL IN GOD'S SIGHT!  
SAY IT, “I AM SPECIAL TO GOD”  
BELIEVE IT**

