Battles Against Spiritual Strongholds

(Part One)

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2 Corinthians 10:4 KJV
(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Strongholds can represent something negative or harmful that takes hold of our thoughts, emotions, or behaviors. It can be a pattern of sin, a negative mindset, or an addiction that has a strong grip on our lives, and is capable of influencing what happens to us in our daily lives. When we talk about spiritual strongholds, we are referring to these negative influences that hold us captive and separate us from experiencing the fullness of God's love, joy, and peace. They can be deeply rooted and difficult to overcome on our own.

Poverty can be seen as a stronghold in a way. It can be a difficult and challenging situation that holds you and your community in a cycle of lack and struggle. If we look into the world today, poverty is so rampant everywhere due to the economic recession. Poverty can affect various aspects of our lives, including physical well-being, access to education and opportunities, ministry, career, and even mental and emotional well-being. However, it is important to note that while poverty may be a stronghold, it is not a personal failing or an individual's

fault at times. The scriptures say that we should have compassion on those who are in need and to work towards justice and equality for all. Jesus Christ Himself expressed His concern for the poor and marginalized, and He calls His followers to do the same.

The truth of the matter is that issues of lack and want faced by many today are not as a result of laziness, it's simply because of an attack on their finances which has in turn brought poverty into their lives. Satan places the stronghold of poverty on people's lives most especially Christians so has to distract them from focusing on God. He knows that when hardship sets in, their focus will not be shifted to how to make ends meet. And by this, they would forsake God and begin to find different means of survival. In fact they will begin to deep their hands into sins such as bribery, and stealing to survive. Some even go into serious debts just because Satan does not want them to make heaven.

There are families that in their generation there has never been anyone who escaped poverty, everyone in the family lives in abject poverty, and dies in it. It is a routine for those who find themselves at the top of the ladder of prosperity to go back to zero level before dying in some families.

How To Recognize Strongholds Of Poverty

- When you observe that all four generations before you lived in abject poverty
- Living from hand to mouth
- Working like an elephant and eating like an ant syndrome, I.e working hard but receiving little
- Constant lack and want
- Demotion at work
- When your business begins to crumble right before your eyes

- When you discover that your money disappears mysteriously
- When those you employed are stealing from you
- When debts are swallowing you up, running into unexplainable debts
- When you dream that your pocket or bag is leaking.
- When you dream that someone snatched your money or bag from you
- When your certificate is been buried either spiritually
- When you are aware that there's a curse of poverty running in your lineage
- When someone tells you point blank that you will not make it in life.

The stronghold of poverty is ravaging many christian homes today. And many are struggling, but the Lord can hijack your finances from the hands of the enemy, only if you'd pull down, root out, and throw down every stronghold. Jeremiah 1:10 KJV See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

Sources of Strongholds Of Poverty

1. **Generational curses of poverty** - There are generations that have the bloodline of poverty due to what their forefathers had done. They were cursed probably because someone cursed them on a legal platform. Proverbs 26:2 KJV As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come. The curse placed upon them has a cause which has given lack and want a legal ground to operate on.

2. **Covered sins** - Proverbs 28:13 KJV He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Covered sins can make a person unprosperous which tends to poverty. Even if God wants the person to prosper, Satan can use His word to counter it, saying it's already written that those whose sins are hidden by them will not prosper, therefore such a person is held under the yoke of hardship.

3. **Stinginess** as funny as this might sound, it can open doors to the stronghold of poverty, the scriptures says Luke 6:38 KJV Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, SHALL MEN GIVE INTO YOUR BOSOM. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Jesus Christ said those who give will have men give to them in unexplainable ways. We should give to the poor, the widows, fatherless, and genuine ministers of God. From the words of Jesus Christ we can see that those who don't give will battle with poverty tirelessly.

   When a person is stingy, such a person begins to lack good things because men who are to rise up to help him will not see him for their eyes will be covered from seeing him, favor would then be far from such a person.

4. **Not tithing and giving offerings:** Some may not believe this, but the word of God makes it clear that those who do not obey the commandment or tithing and offerings are cursed. Malachi 3:8-9 KJV Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. [9] Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. This curse operates in no other form than opening doors to lack and wants.

Those who do not pay tithes and offerings will certainly operate under the stronghold of poverty because it has a legal ground to operate on in their lives. This also applies to those who do so to false ministries and ministers, it's more or less like they do not obey God in this area at all. This can open the door down for the crumbling of one's finances.

5. **Unpaid Vows:** This can create a stronghold over the lives of people to hijack their finances and make them keep struggling without results. Those who are struggling financially, must try to see if there are pending vows, pledges and promises they made to the Lord and did not fulfill. Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 KJV When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. [5] Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Because many forget their vows and do not pay them, they have given the stronghold of poverty a foothold in their lives, so they keep struggling and struggling without results. The Lord knows that Satan can use it against a person that is why he said it's better not to vow at all than to vow and not pay it.

You must block every loophole Satan is using to mount strongholds against your life so that you can experience all round prosperity, he is not smiling at all, he's ready to keep all those who choose to live in ignorance captives, doing everything possible to stop a man from making heaven. This is why we must be smarter than him.

Please pray seriously to destroy the stronghold of poverty mounted against your life, then take physical actions where necessary so as to make the prayers effective. I know many will come back here to

share outstanding testimonies because Satan will have no choice than to loose his hold over their lives.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Lord Jesus Christ, I thank You for opening my eyes to the source of my financial problems.

2. Father, I receive grace to pray, and act to destroy the strongholds of financial lack and want in my life in Jesus Christ's name.

3. I close by fire, every fountain of poverty opened into my life in the name of Jesus' Christ.

4. Devourers feasting on my benefits and increase, expire in the name of Jesus Christ.

5. I refused to go bankrupt as the strongholds of the poverty of my father's house has planned for me in Jesus Christ's name

6. Poverty flowing in my bloodline, I command you to dry up in the name of Jesus Christ!

7. Every spirit of poverty that wants to ruin or destroy my life, loose your hold, loose your grip over my life in Jesus name. (Proverbs 10:15)

8. My Father, My God, every worthless relationship pursuit that has brought my life into poverty, l decree my freedom now in Jesus name. (Proverbs 28:19)

9. Father, deliver me from every power that has kept my life in the bondage of poverty, l receive my freedom now. (Psalm 35:10)

10. Every spirit of stinginess that tends to poverty in my life, I bind you now in the name of Jesus Christ.

11. Powers that have vowed to make things difficult for me, you are not my God, expire! In the name of Jesus Christ.

12. You my finances refuse to dance to the tune of my enemies in Jesus Christ's name.

13. I destroy every spirit of poverty in my life in Jesus Christ's name.

14. Root of poverty in my life, be uprooted by fire in Jesus Christ's name.

15. Every stronghold of poverty, that is being passed from generation to generation and in my life, be pulled down by fire in Jesus Christ's name.

16. I raise the standard of God against every stronghold of poverty in my life in Jesus Christ's name.

17. Every curse that is working in my life and triggering poverty, I break you in Jesus Christ's name.

18. Chains of poverty, tying me down to a spot, break by the blood of Jesus Christ.

19. I rebuke the spirit of poverty dominating my family in Jesus Christ's name. Amen

20. Aura of disfavor and poverty passed from me to my children, blood of Jesus Christ, wash it away in Jesus Christ's name.

21. Powers that want shame to be by second name, be disgraced in the name of Jesus Christ.

22. Arrows of financial breakdown fired against *Resurrection Christian Ministries,* go back to the sender in Jesus Christ's name.

23. You, my career, ministry, business, arise and shine in Jesus Christ's name!

24. O God arise and move *Resurrection Christian Ministries* forward by fire in the name of Jesus Christ.

25. Lord Jesus, put testimony in my mouth in Jesus Christ's name.

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