

## Demolition

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not (1)war after the flesh: 4 (For the (2)weapons of our (3)warfare are not carnal, but (4)mighty through God to the (5)pulling down of (6)strong holds (ochyrōma); 5 (7)Casting down (8)imaginings, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

1. **War**, Gr. strateuomai (strat-yoo'-o-my)
  - to serve in a military campaign
  - to lead soldiers to war or to battle, (spoken of a commander)
  - to do military duty, be on active service, be a soldier, to fight

AV (7) - war 5, goeth a warfare 1, soldier 1;

**This word is found 7 X's and not once does it refer to fighting the devil directly.**

A. 1 Timothy 1:18

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest **war** (strateuomai) a good warfare (strateia).

B. James 4:1-11

From whence come **wars** and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 -- Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. 11 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge

C. 1 Peter 2:11

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul**. E.g. pornography, alcohol, drugs (Pharmakeia)

2. [**Weapons** of our warfare]

Gr. **hoplon**; (literally or figuratively, especially, offensive for war): — armour, instrument, weapon.

AV (6) - weapon 2, instrument 2, armour 2

any tool or implement for preparing a thing; arms used in warfare, weapons  
an instrument

A. Ephesians 6:11

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the **wiles** of the devil.

- methodeia (metho-daya) - travelling over, i.e. travesty (trickery): — wile, lie in wait. AV (2) - lie in wait 1, wile 1; cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery
- Ephesians 4:14  
That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in **wait** (methodeia) to deceive.

B. Ephesians 6:13

Wherefore take unto you the whole **armour (hoplon)** of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.7 Weapons:

1. Truth belt
2. Breastplate of righteousness
3. Shoes of peace
4. Shield of faith
5. Helmet of salvation
6. Sword of the Spirit (rhema)
7. Lances (all manner of prayer)

C. 2 Corinthians 6:7

By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the **armour (hoplon)** of righteousness on the right hand and on the left.

3. **Warfare** Gr. strateia (Strat-taya) – a military expedition or campaign

a. 2 Corinthians 10:5 (KJV)

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

b. 2 Corinthians 10:5 (MSG)

We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ.

4. **Mighty** Gr. Dynatos – it denotes what is possible or what one has the power to do. It describes the full force of an army.

5. **[pulling down/casting down]** – Gr. kathairesis (ka-thy-resis); demolition; figuratively, extinction: — destruction, pulling down. AV (3) - destruction 2, pulling down 1; – a pulling down, destruction, **dismantling**, demolition

a. Ephesians 2:1-3

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

6. [Stongholds] Gr. ochyrōma (o-choo-ro-ma); (ONLY HERE) (meaning to fortify, through the idea of holding safely); a castle, stronghold, fortress, fastness anything on which one relies of the arguments and reasonings by which a disputant endeavours to fortify his opinion and defend it against his opponent.

**[We wrestle not against flesh and blood] and yet, this his one of Satan's biggest lies.**

Fort la Latte or Castle of the Rock Goyon is a castle in the northeast of Brittany (West France)

Logical and illogical strongolds:

Eg.

- a. That you are the opposite sex of your biological makeup
  - b. You are hopeless, your marriage is hopeless, your diagnosis is hopeless, etc...
7. [pulling down/casting down] – Gr. kathairesis (ka-thy-resis)
8. [Imaginations] Gr. Logismos – that which is logical, reasonings, makes sense

1 John 3:8

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might **destroy** the **works** (Gr. Ergon-Labor) of the **devil (diabolos)**.

**Destroy**, Gr. Lyo (loo'-o)

- to loose any person (or thing) tied or fastened: bandages of the feet, the shoes,
- of a husband and wife joined together by the bond of matrimony (**truce-breakers**)
- to loose one bound, i.e. to unbind, release from bonds, set free
- metaph., to overthrow, to do away with

Exhort one another daily:

Hebrews 3:12-14

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be

hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end.

**Exhort** Gr. parakaleō — to call near, i.e. invite, invoke, to comfort, to console, to encourage and strengthen by consolation, instruct, teach.

Revelation 3:20-21

Behold, I **stand** at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To him that **overcometh** will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

- a. **Stand**, Gr. histēmi — to be a fixed object, covenant
- b. **Overcometh** Gr. nikaō; to subdue (literally or figuratively): — conquer, overcome, prevail, get the victory.