

# Exposing the Hidden Agenda of Darkness

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Session Two

## Points of Access

**Front Door Sin** - "... sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you..." (Gen. 4:7)

**Side Door Sin (A Wrong Response to Hurts)** – "In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold." (Eph. 4:26-27)

**Back Door Sin (Generational - Family Systems Past and Present)** – "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped ... as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:14-15)

**Open Windows of People, Places, and Things** – spiritual evil will leverage anything God has not signed off on - people you have relationships with, listen to and spend time with; places you go; stuff you have; things you use, read, watch, play, listen to; things you do

## Standing Against Spiritual Evil

**Take Spiritual Evil Seriously and Fearlessly** – stay balanced - do not overestimate nor underestimate spiritual evil, and **do not fear them**. They are spiritual bullies. Stand up to them, stand against them, and advance the Kingdom in the authority and power of Jesus!

**Basic Ongoing Strategy** – Humble, Submit, Resist (James 4:6-8). This is the order of things.

**Shut the Doors, Close the Windows, Remove the Clutter, Go To Court** - confess your sin and actively engage repentance; choose to forgive and process your pain; get rid of generational junk; remove spiritually unhealthy relationships, places, and things from your life, and ask God to break your ties with them; then ask God to judge and remove the oppressing spirits - free, cleanse, and restore you and your generations, and fill you with Himself.

**Go All In With Jesus All Day Every Day** - Read, think about, and apply God's Word daily; talk with God all the time about everything - prayer is an ongoing dialogue not an occasional monologue; worship, connect with, and do life with other likeminded believers

**Challenge Your Thinking Out Loud** – it may not be your idea Peter (Matt 16: 23)

**The Armor Of God** – more than a metaphor - learn how to apply the armor every day, throughout the day – (Belt) believe what God says – His truth holds everything together and sets you free; (Breastplate) accept who you are in Christ, this protects your heart; (Helmet) choose to transform your thinking and have the mind of Christ; (Shoes) prepare, abide, stay ready, and move only when and as God directs; (Shield) trust God with everything, regardless of the present look of things - be strong and courageous, do not be afraid; (Sword) engage Darkness and advance the Kingdom of God with the Word of God and the words of God as He directs; (Prayer) persist - don't give up, give in, or quit

## What I Must Know and Do Concerning Spiritual Intrusion

Spiritual evil hopes I never recognize the vast extent of their intrusion in my life (Eph. 6:12).

Leveraging sin and selfishness, they seek to harass, oppress, and overwhelm me (1 Peter 5:6-8).

Ignorance is not bliss – it is dangerous and ultimately deadly (Eph. 2:1-4).

In order to implement their strategies (2 Cor. 2:11; Eph. 6:11),

spiritual evil must first get my eyes off Jesus (Heb.12:1-2).

So, they lie to me (John 8:44)

using            confusion and doubt (Gen. 3:1),  
                     temptations (1 Thess. 3:5),  
                     accusations (Rev. 12:10b),  
                     and deception (2 Cor.11:14);

hoping to        entrap me (1Tim. 3:7),  
                     establish strongholds in my life (Eph. 4:27; 2 Cor.10:3-5),  
                     entrench themselves in my generations (Ex. 20:2-6),  
                     and take me captive to do the will and work of Satan (2 Tim. 2:26).

However, spiritual evil is already a defeated foe (Col. 2:15; 1 John 3:8; Heb. 2:14-15)!

For their plans to be clearly expose and their activity effectively engaged (2 Cor. 2:11)

I must fully embrace my true identity as a child of the King (Eph.2:6; 1 Peter 2:9-10),

and unconditionally surrender every area of my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord (James 4:7-8).

Then I am privileged to go to the Supreme Court of Heaven (Heb. 4:14-16)

and ask Most High God to judge and remove the spiritual intruders (Col. 2:13-15; 2 Peter 2:4).

Therefore, I must choose all day every day to be all in with Jesus (Eph. 4:17-32; Rom. 12:1-2).

I must determine to no longer be in bondage to sin and bullied by Darkness (Gal. 5:1)!

I must learn how to apply every resource God supplies (Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Peter 2:3-9).

I must            be alert (1 Peter 5:8),  
                     resist (James 4:7),  
                     stand firm (1 Peter 5:8),  
                     stand against (Eph. 6:11),  
                     not provide opportunity (Eph. 4:27),  
                     destroy strongholds (2 Cor.10:3-5),  
                     be strong and courageous (Joshua 1:9),  
                     advance the Kingdom (Matt. 28:19-20),  
and fearlessly exercise my full authority in Jesus concerning spiritual intrusion (Luke10:1)

## **How Strongholds Work**

### **Strongholds**

Fortress, a place where something or someone is kept, a playground  
(Ex: Pride, Anger, Fear, Resentment, Hurts, Unforgiveness, etc.)

### **Points of Access**

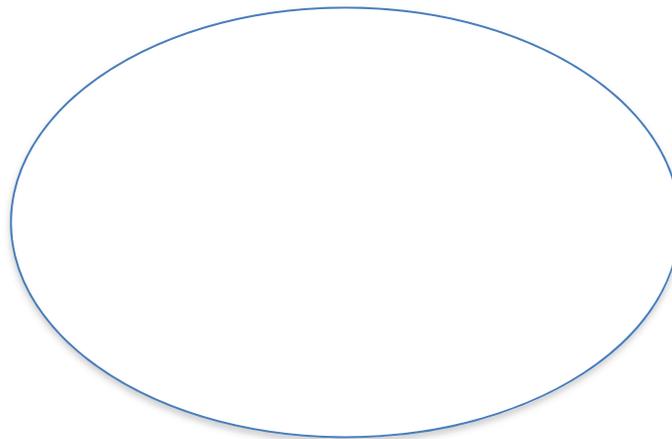
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### **Two Basic Reasons for Lack of Success**

You have a flawed strategy (Appropriate Strategy - 2 Cor. 10:3-5)

You are not just dealing with you (Rom. 7 + Eph. 6)

### **A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words**



# I Choose

I choose to follow Jesus.

Luke 9:23 -26

I choose to be who Jesus died for me to be.  
I choose to go "all in" with him. He is all in with me.

Eph. 2:1-10, Rom. 5:6-11  
1 Peter 2:9-10, Joshua 24:15

I choose to not be satisfied with business as usual.  
I choose to not be an average believer, giving average time,  
effort, energy, and commitment to the plans and purposes of God.

Rom. 6:1-14, Heb. 12:1-2  
Eph. 5:15-17, John 10:10  
1 Tim. 6:11-12, Eph. 3:14-20

I choose to not allow hurt or pain to define me, fear to dominate me,  
selfishness to drive me, nor the success of evil to deter me.

Ps. 40:1-4, Ps. 23:4,  
James 4:1-4, Rm. 8:31-39

I choose to not allow pride to rule me, unforgiveness to trap me,  
doubt to block me, or difficulty to stop me.

James 4:6-8, Matt. 6:15,  
Mark 6:5-6, 2 Cor. 4:8-9

I choose to not allow circumstances to overwhelm me,  
the culture to conform me, anger to consume me,  
or my passions to control me.

Ps. 9:9-10, Rom. 12:1-2,  
Eph. 4:26-27, 1 John 2:15-17

I choose to allow God to define me, his strength to sustain me,  
his sacrifice to drive me, and his sovereignty to assure me.

1Peter 2:9-10, Is. 41:10  
Is. 53:4-6, Is. 40:18-31

I choose to allow humility to rule me, forgiveness to free me,  
belief to anchor me, and difficulty to motivate me.

Matt. 23:12, Rom. 12:17-21,  
Matt. 16:13-18, 1 Sam. 17:48

I choose to allow God to guide me, his truth to transform me,  
his love to consume me, and his passions to control me.

Prov. 3:5-6, Rom. 12:1-2,  
2 Cor. 5:14-15, Phil. 3:13-14

I choose to fess up when I mess up.  
I choose to get up when I get knocked down.  
I choose to push forward when I fall behind.  
I choose to not quit on God. He never gives up on me.

Ps. 32, Ps. 18:16-17,  
Ps. 37:23-24, Heb. 13:5

I choose to establish a new normal. Just ok is not ok.  
I choose extraordinary over ordinary.  
I choose to live far beyond average.  
I choose to live as a child of the King!

Rev. 3:15-16, 2 Cor. 5:17,  
Is. 43:18-19, Eph. 3:20,  
Habakkuk 1:5, Jer. 33:3