

PUNCH IT OUT

We are presently in the 5th week and final week of our series how to overcome strongholds. Today's principle to help defeat negative strongholds in our lives is "Punch it Out!"

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 – For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for **pulling down** strongholds, ⁵ **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, ⁶ and **being ready to punish** all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled. (NIV)

AGGRESSIVE MINDSET

Aggressive Christianity is all through the New Testament

- Matthew 11:12 the violent take the kingdom by force.
- 1 Timothy 6:12 fight the good fight
- 1 Timothy 1:18 wage a good warfare
- Ephesians 6:11 put on the whole armor of God

Point: Take strongholds completely out

John 10:10 ... the thief comes only to steal to kill and to destroy...

Revelation 12:9 – And the great dragon was thrown down, the age-old serpent who is called the devil and Satan, he who *continually* deceives *and* seduces the entire inhabited world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. (AMP)

IT'S PERSONAL

1 Peter 5:5-8- Be sober-minded; be watchful. **Your adversary** the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (ESV)

Ephesians 6:10-11 – Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that **you can take your stand against the devil's schemes**. (NIV)

Isaiah 54:17 – Every weapon formed against you will not prosper

2 Corinthians 10:4 – For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God **for the overthrow** *and* **destruction of strongholds... (**AMP)

BE THOROUGH

2 Corinthians 10:5...casting down arguments and **every** high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing **every** thought into captivity. (NIV)

Be thorough in... pluck it... get fat in the Word of God... braid it strong... grind it out with that ugly faith...punch it in the mouth!!

BE READY

2 Corinthians 10:6 – and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled. (NIV)