

Casting down Your Imaginations



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What are your Imaginations?

World definition for Imaginations:

the act or power of forming a mental **image** of something not present to the senses or never before wholly perceived in reality, the thinking or active mind

imagine : to form a mental **image** of (something not present)

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; 2 Corinthians 10:5

imaginations - *logismos* (log-gee-moss) - *computation, reasoning dic. the drawing of inferences or conclusions through the use of a statement offered in explanation or justification (conscience dic. conformity to what one considers to be correct, right, or morally good , conceit), thought, think, impute dic. suggests ascribing something that brings discredit by way of accusation or blame*

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

strong holds - *ochyrōma* (*arch-hoar-doe-mar*) anything on which one relies, argument dic. a coherent series of reasons, statements, or facts intended to support or establish a point of view, of the arguments and reasonings by which a disputant endeavours to fortify his opinion and defend it against his opponent

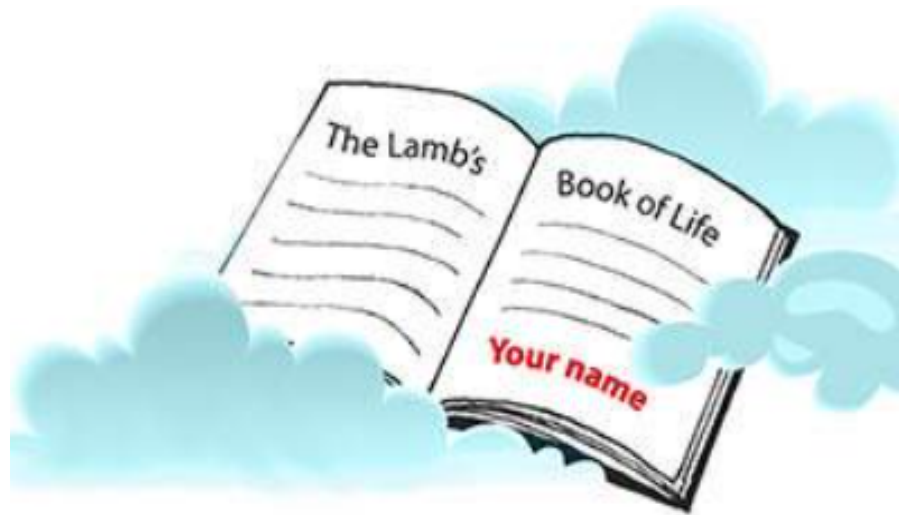


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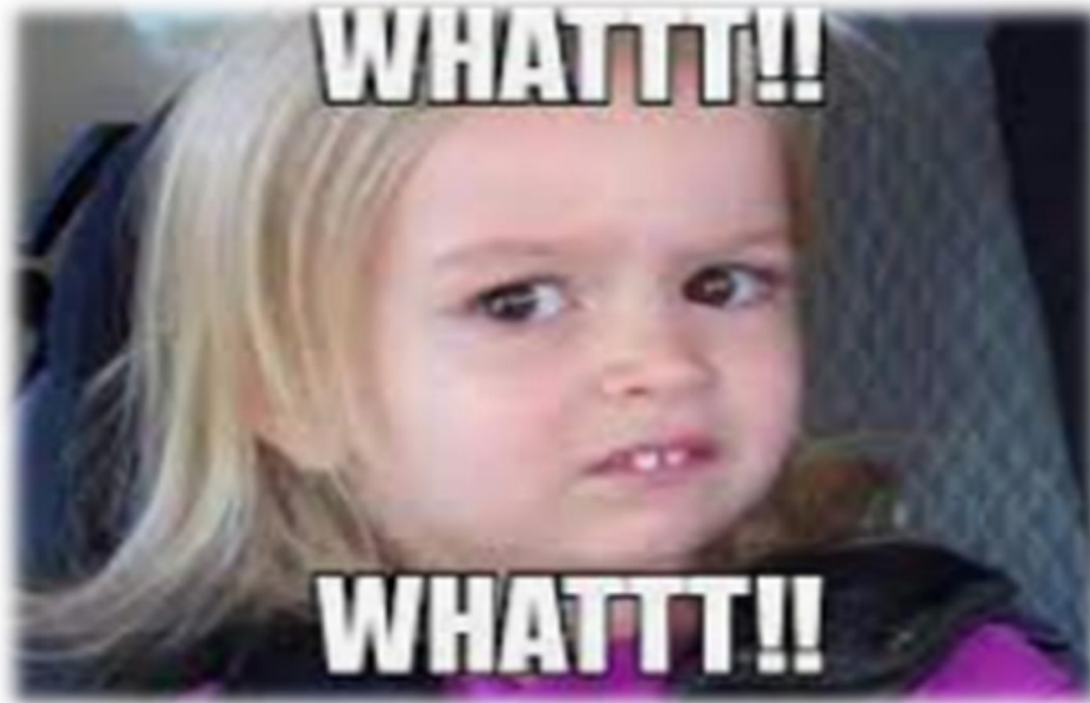
Where do strong holds come from?

What is an example of a strong hold?

And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and *with* other my fellow labourers, whose **names are in the book of life.
Philippians 4:3**



Salvation is His Plan and **NOT our Plan!**



Behold, I was **shapen** in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Psalm 51:5

shapen - *Hûl* (hole) **Twist** dic. to cause to take on moral, mental, or emotional deformity dic. morally or intellectually deformed or distorted dic. badly or imperfectly dic. to cause to believe what is untrue formed **Pervert** dic. departing from some accepted standard of what is normal, to lead astray, morally. to turn away from the right course.

iniquity - *āôn* (all-vone) Perversity dic. persistent or obstinate dic. firmly or stubbornly adhering to one's purpose, opinion, etc.; not yielding to argument, characterized by inflexible persistence or an **unyielding attitude** in what is wrong turned away from or rejecting what is right, good, or proper; wicked or corrupt.

Because all human beings are sinful by nature, choice, and practice, they cannot enter God's kingdom without receiving a new nature.



God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. Romans 3:4

But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 1 Peter 2:9

of him who hath called - *kaleō* (call-lay-o) to cause dic. bring to pass from one state into another



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Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's **wisdom** teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost **teacheth**; **comparing** spiritual things with spiritual. 1 Corinthians 2:13

wisdom - *sophia* - higher or lower, worldly dic. of, relating to, or devoted to this world and its pursuits rather than to religion or spiritual affairs or spiritual wisdom

teacheth - *didaktos* (*dee-doc-toss*) taught dic. to cause to know something, to impart the knowledge of, instructed dic. to give knowledge to, to provide with authoritative information or advice, to give an order or command to

comparing - *sygkrinō* (*sue-creme-no*) to interpret dic. to explain or tell the meaning of: present in understandable terms, to join together fitly, compound, combine

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So we struggle with our imaginations and our strong holds!

**So how do you think our imaginations and
our strong holds affect our daily life and
fellowship with Jesus?**

Let's take a closer look at the scriptures



These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An **heart** that **deviseth** wicked **imaginings**, feet that be swift in running to mischief, Proverbs 6:18

heart - *lēḇ (lay-fah)* mind, thinking, inner man

deviseth - *hāraš (her-rash)* as one who works in, practises *dic. to perform or work at repeatedly so as to become proficient dic. well advanced in an art, occupation, or branch of knowledge*), usually bad sense, practise secretly, devise *dic. to form in the mind by new combinations or applications of ideas or*

imaginings - *maḥāšāḇâ (mash-hash-sure-bar)* thought *dic. an individual act or product of thinking, a developed intention or plan, something (such as an opinion or belief) in the mind*

There are thoughts of evil things in our hearts is a repetition (whether it be from our flesh or from the devil), but he that devises and fabricates *dic. the act or process of producing something or turning those thoughts into action* is what God calls an abomination to Him!

Strong holds are are wrong thoughts and perceptions, contradicting **dic. to imply the opposite or a denial of the true knowledge of God and the nature of God.**

This reliance on carnal methods and the habit of carnal thinking is a true stronghold. It stubbornly sets down deep roots in the heart and mind, and it colors all of our actions and thinking. **It is hard to let go of the thinking that values the things** and ways of this world, but God's power really can break down these strongholds.

How does the Word of God destroys strong holds?

That he might **sanctify** and **cleanse** it with the washing of water by the word, Ephesians 5:24

sanctify - *hagiazō* (*hug-gee-odd-zoe*) consecrate (to separate from things profane **dic. to debase by a wrong, unworthy, or vulgar use**) and dedicate to God) venerate **dic. to honor**, to purify **dic. to clear from material defilement or imperfection** by expiation (ex-pee-a-tion) **dic. to put an end to**

and cleanse it - *katharizō* (*cart-dar-read-zoe*) to purify, to purge **dic. to get rid** of from wickedness



In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the **word of truth**, the
gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were
sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, **Ephesians 1:13**

Howbeit when he, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, he will **guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. **John 16:13**



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; **2 Corinthians 10:5**

casting down - *kathaireō* (*car-they-ray-o*) - to lower (or with violence) demolish (literally or figuratively):— (pull, put, take) down, destroy **dic. to put out of existence, annihilate dic. to do away with entirely so that nothing remains, refute dic. to prove wrong by argument or evidence : show to be false or erroneous**

high thing - *hypsōma* (*hoop-sun-ma*) barrier **dic. something material that blocks or is intended to block passage, rampart, bulwark dic. a solid wall-like structure raised for defense**

That ye put off concerning the **former conversation** the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24

former - *proteros* (*prah-tear-ross*) previous, before, prior

conversation - *anastrophē* (*and-us-straw-faye*) manner of life, behavior **dic.** the aggregate of responses to internal and external stimuli, the action or reaction of any material under given circumstances, conduct **dic.** way of acting; bearing or deportment, to direct in action or course

corrupt **dic.** guilty of dishonest practices, as bribery; lacking integrity; crooked **dic.** deformed, to mar the appearance or beauty of

deceitful - **dic.** concealment or distortion of the truth for the purpose of misleading

One of the quickest ways to renew your mind is to download Bible audit books to your phone or ipod and listen to it everyday and night!



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What happens if we don't cast them down?

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, **deceiving** your own selves. James 1:22

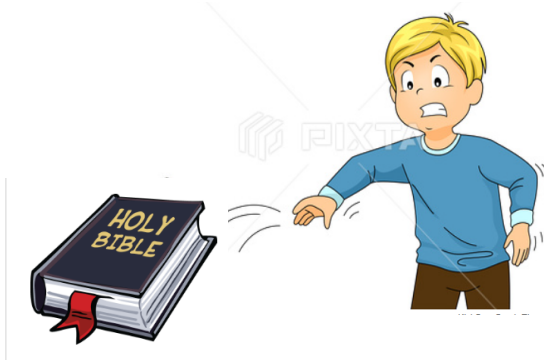
deceiving - *paralogizomai* (*par-ah-mah-gees-o-my*) to misreckon **dic.** to make an incorrect estimate, judgment, or calculation, beguile **dic.** Hoodwink **dic.** to deceive by false appearance; delude **dic.** to mislead the mind or judgment of; trick **dic.** a crafty procedure or practice meant to deceive or defraud



And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? **Luke 6:46**

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work **iniquity**. Matthew 7:23

iniquity - *anomia (own-ah-mee-ah)* - Illegality dic. Illegal - a person who enters or lives in a country without the documentation required for legal entry or residence, **dic not recognized as lawful offspring** - Source- merriam-webster dictionary; violation dic. an act of irreverence dic. lack of reverence dic. honor or respect dic. an act of giving particular attention; high or special regard dic. attention, felt or shown or desecration dic. to treat disrespectfully, irreverently, or outrageously of law or wickedness; disregard dic. to pay no attention to : treat as unworthy dic. No value for law; the condition of one without law — either because ignorant of it, or because violating it.



**Now that we see how to overcome our
imagination and strong holds, let's see how the
Devil uses his devices against us!**



What are the enemy's devices?

To whom ye forgive any thing, I *forgive* also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave *it*, for your sakes *forgave I it* in the person of Christ; Lest Satan **should get an advantage of us**: for we are not **ignorant** of his **devices**. 2 Corinthians 2:11

should get an advantage of us - *pleonekteō* (*plan-neck-tate-o*) to gain or take advantage of another, overreach **dic. lacking moral principles**

ignorant - *agnoeō* (*all-now-A-O*) not to know (through lack of information or intelligence), ignorant **dic. lacking knowledge**

devices - *noēma* (*now-A-mah*) purpose, or (by implication) the intellect, disposition, itself:— device, mind, thought

To withhold forgiveness from the repentant is to play into the hands of Satan. Are you allowing the Spirit to make you aware of Satan's strategy against you right now? What weak point is he trying to exploit? Where is Satan trying to get a foothold into your life?

1. The name Satan denotes an adversary, an accuser, an enemy.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the **accuser** of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. Revelation 12:9 & 10

accuser - *katēgoreō* (*caught-cow-lay-O*) plaintiff **dic. a person who brings a legal action**, i.e. to charge with some offence **dic. the means or method of attacking**, accuse **dic. to charge dic. to rush against, to ask payment of (a person) with a fault or offense, to find fault with**



*And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he **will reprove** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **John 16:8***

will reprove - *elegchō* (*elect-hoe*) tell **dic. to make known** a fault, to confute, admonish:—convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove refute dic. show to be false or erroneous **dic. error dic. an act involving an unintentional deviation from truth or accuracy**

2. Transforms himself into an angel of light



**And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an
angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11:14**

3. He's Thief



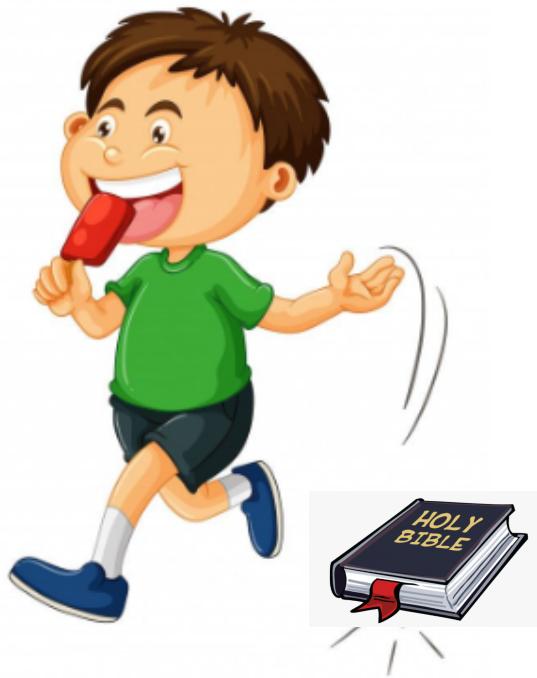
The thief cometh not, but for to **steal**, and to **kill**, and to **destroy**: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly. **John 10:10**

steal - *kleptō* - to filch **dic. to steal secretly or casually dic. indifferent**

kill - *thyō* (*throw-O*) to slaughter - killing of great numbers of human beings

destroy - *olethros* (*olive-frost*) - death, punishment:—destruction

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4. Puppet master



And supper being ended, the devil having now **put** into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;
John 13:2

put - *ballō* (ball-low) suggest - to call to mind by thought



5. Deceiver



Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:11

wiles - *methodeia* (meta-dye-ah) cunning dic. the practice of crafty underhanded
dic. having or showing skill, cleverness, or resourcefulness in handling
situations ingenuity to deceive or cheat arts, deceit dic. the act of causing
someone to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid, craft, trickery,
travesty dic. a feeble or ridiculous imitation

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against **powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. Ephesians 6:12**

powers - *exousia* (*x-oh-see-ah*) the leading and more powerful among created beings superior to man, spiritual potentates (port-and-tates) **dic. a person who possesses great power, as a sovereign, monarch, or ruler.**



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2 Corinthians 10:4

Weapons - *hoplon (hop-law)* utensil **dic.** any instrument, vessel, or tool serving a useful purpose: or tool
(literally or figuratively, especially, offensive for war):—armour, instrument

Our weapons are not physical weapons, but spiritual weapons!

Weapon dic. any instrument or device for use in attack or defense in combat, fighting, or war, as a sword, rifle, or cannon, anything used against an opponent, adversary, or victim:



And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God: Praying always with all **prayer and supplication in the Spirit**, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Ephesians 6:17 & 18



*Let the high **praises** of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;*
Psalm 149:6 & 7

