

### 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NKJV)

Information from the world is processed in our minds as thoughts

- **Thought:** *personal verdict as a product of using the mind—a thought is a conclusion.*

Thoughts are linked together to build an argument.

- **Argument:** *a group of thoughts systematically linked together to support a position.*
  - That argument acts as a barrier, a wall, which is used to further fortify a position.

Arguments are linked together to build strongholds.

- **Stronghold:** *a fortified, military stronghold; a strong-walled fortress.*

### Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV)

There are only two sources of information in the universe: **God** and **the father of lies**

Thoughts are going to come—don't let all of them stay.

- The longer you allow a thought to hang around, the harder it gets to dislodge (*drying mortar*).

A stronghold (fortress, wall, etc.) is designed to exert control over what we do.

- When our thinking is altered, our behavior is altered (*thinking change equal behavior change*).

### The word of God is the only thing that can tear down strongholds in the mind.

- Most people expect God's Word to work like dynamite, but God's Word works like a seed.

### Mark 4:13-20 (NKJV)

A seed is alive: it contains life.

- **Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)** *For the word of God is living and powerful...*
- **John 6:63 (NKJV)** *The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

A seed does nothing until planted.

- The Word of God will not produce in your life until you plant it.
- Unless the Word moves from the pages of the Bible to the holes in your ears, nothing changes.
  - You could have millions of seeds and still starve.

Planting takes place in the ears—Mark 4:14 *The sower sows the word.*

- The easiest way to hear the Word of God is to speak the Word of God.

A seed is much smaller than the plant it produces.

- **Mark 4:30-32 (NKJV)**

A seed is powerful—break up concrete.

A seed takes time to produce—Mark 4:26-27 (NKJV)