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# 2 Corinthians 10

## Vs 1

By the meekness and gentleness of  
Christ, I appeal to you...

Vs 1b

...I, Paul, who am "timid" when  
face to face with you, but "bold"  
when away!

## Vs 2

I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world.

# World standards

- Wealth
- Prestige
- Power
- Play the game
- Yell the loudest
- Hit the hardest
- Run the fastest

## Vs 3-5

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Give:

To put into the possession of  
another for his or her use



# God gives us

- A healing touch
- Peace so we can rest
- People to help equip us
- A call
- A testimony
- Comfort
- Rescue

God gives us

➤ The right to wage war

➤ Powerful weapons

➤ Fight

➤ Wreckability

➤ Conquering power

Vs 3

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do not wage war as the world does

Live in the world - Walk in the flesh

I may walk in the flesh but I do  
not walk according to the flesh

- ✓ I am a new creation
- ✓ I am God's workmanship
- ✓ I am a Child of God
- ✓ I am the temple of the Holy Spirit
- ✓ I am alive with Christ
- ✓ I am a child of the light
- ✓ I am raised up with Christ

The same power that conquered  
the grave lives in me

Those who are dressed in the  
world's armor will find  
themselves ill prepared to do  
battle at the same level as those  
who are dressed in the divine

➤ We can declare war, not only declare but wage it (*engage in*)

➤ We can demolish

➤ We can fight

➤ We can take captive

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# Strongholds: Fortified fortresses

Those things that are rooted into  
our lives

Sins that have been in our lives  
for years

# Stronghold that are

- wounds from abuses
- damages from addictions
- scars from our own actions
- unhealthy pictures in our minds

There are strongholds in our  
community

There are strongholds that the enemy  
is lurking from behind

There are pockets of resistance

# Arguments: points of view

There are philosophies of the world that are pushing the truth to the side

There are misguided mindsets that are giving direction to lost people

There are opinions that have risen to the same level as truth

Thoughts: mental perceptions

There is thinking that is not in line  
with Christ

Thinking produces action

Therefore there are actions that are  
not in line with Christ

Strongholds, Arguments, Thoughts

In my life

In your life

In our community

Are we waging war on these entities?

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What are the  
“Divine Powered Weapons”  
that we fight with?



#1

Truth:

that which is constant, permanent,  
faithful, reliable

- Jesus is the Way, Truth, and Life
- Sin separates man from God
- Jesus paid for the sins of man on the cross
- Jesus seeks and saves the lost

- Jesus forgives and redeems
- Jesus heals and restores
- Man is lost without Jesus
- The Church prevails over the gates of hell

- The Church carries the Gospel to the lost
- The Holy Spirit indwells, guides, and empowers the Believer
- Jesus is coming back

#2

Love

Unselfish, loyal and benevolent  
concern for the good of another

For God so loved the world...

God's unselfish, loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another brought great provision to the helpless and dirty

Carrying the Truth, God's love powered through the strongholds and delivered that Truth to those in need

John 13:35

Love one another

Galatians 5:14

Love your neighbor as yourself...

Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies...

**We need to repent from thinking that bullying, hate, and meanness are more powerful and productive than love**

#3

# Righteousness

Purity of heart and integrity of life



#4

# Faith

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

# Way Maker

You are here

- Moving in our midst
- Working in this place
- Touching every heart
- Turning lives around
- Mending every heart
- Healing every heart

You are

- The Way maker
- The Miracle worker
- The Promise keeper
- The Light in the darkness
- My God

Even when I don't see it, You're working

Even when I can't feel it, You're working

You never stop, You never stop working

#5

Prayer

“What the Church needs to-day is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use -- men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men -- men of prayer.”

— *E.M. Bounds, Power Through Prayer*

With Truth in hand, motivated by Love,  
backed by Righteousness, sustained by  
Faith and empowered through Prayer -  
We will wage war on strongholds!