

# **Renewing Your mind part 1: “The Electric Fence”**

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(Rom 12:1) I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

(Rom 12:2) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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## Stronghold: “Merriam Webster Definition”

\*an area where most people have the same beliefs, values, etc. ”an area dominated by a particular group”

\*a protected place where the members of a military group stay and can defend themselves against attacks



## Stronghold “Your-Dictionary”

\*\*The definition of a stronghold is a place that has been secured tightly in case of attack, or a place where a particular belief or ideology is firmly believed and staunchly defended.

\*\*a place where a group having certain views, attitudes, etc. is concentrated

Stronghold:

- 1) Physical fortified place
- 2) Spiritual fortified place

# Old Testament Stronghold

(1Ch 11:5) The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You will not come in here." Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the city of David.

(Neh 1:3) And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire."

(Neh 1:4) As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.



## The New Testament Stronghold

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(2Co 10:4) For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

(2Co 10:5) We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,



anakainōsis

*an-ak-ah'ee-no-sis*

From G341; *renovation*: - renewing.

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(Jas 1:16) Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.

(Jas 1:17) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

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Or you may write:

How the enemy uses Temptation in your life

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- 5) Ends with “death”/regret/loss

Our electric fence functions very accurately when:

- 1) We Jesus more valuable than all he can posses, and
- 2) Believe the Bible as more true than all we know.

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In a Warlike posture, you capture all the adoration of your heart that are invested in other areas. Then, like a warrior you can place the adoration back on Jesus.

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# Sermon notes



Taking a place of strength in your stronghold

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