

## Filled With Life!

2 Corinthians 10:4 declares, *"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds."*

As we approach the wonderful season of, Christmas God wants you to receive all that is available to us through His Son. Our battles are not with one another. Most of the battles we face are with ourselves. We allow the enemy to come and build fortresses in our minds based on half-truths. If not watchful, these half-truths ascend to lofty positions in our thoughts and emotions. And they come to put us in prison, to prevent God's glorious coming from being made a reality in our lives.

1 Peter 3:9 declares, *"... not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing."*

You may recognize the presence of false concepts in your thinking. They can become so entrenched that they seem insurmountable! They even will affect your self-worth and your self-image. But I have good news for you! They don't have to remain in you any longer! God is always looking to bless you. This blessing is activated when we choose to bless instead of retaliate! We realize that there is no such thing as a perfect relationship. There will be times that you will be disappointed. But in those moments when you feel violated or riled up, instead of venting according to the flesh, allow the Holy Spirit to take over. Don't retaliate but return inconsiderate acts with words of love! Instead of taking offense, speak words that build up. As you perform these simple acts you are repairing your boundaries – your fences and gates! Your words can be the very force to turn the gravest situation around. God gives blessing through the power of life in your words!

Let faith arise in you this Christmas season and pull down every falsehood that would keep you from inheriting His promise. Each and every stronghold that may rise in us can be pulled down through God's mighty weapons. Believe Him! Say, "Let it be unto me according to Your Word" and you will be filled with life!

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