

Strongholds / Entry Points / Open Doors / Legal Rights

Squatters Analogy

In Indonesia (and many other countries), property owners, upon purchasing a new piece of land, will immediately build a wall around it, sometimes as high as 15 feet—with concertina wire at the top. They also have a 24-hour guard that stands watch at the gate. They will open or close the gate based on the rights the person has to enter.

If that wall is not in place, and the guard doesn't keep watch, squatters will come in and set up their homes. When enough squatters have taken up residence, it is next to impossible for them to be removed, because any attempt to do so will be met with mob violence.

Understanding Strongholds

A stronghold is not a demon. A stronghold can be sins, believing lies about God or yourself, bad habits, anger, fear, jealousy, or emotional wounds that have been left to fester. When these issues are left unresolved, a stronghold can result, making them difficult, though not impossible, to remove.

The reason these strongholds are so difficult to remove is because they become like a lightning rod in your life, where Satan and demons are attracted. When they come around you, they begin to stir up every imaginable problem and ensure that the stronghold remains unchallenged—firmly in place.

Entry Points and Open Doors

The terms “Entry Points” and “Open Doors” are illustrated in the above example of the gate to the property. The entry or door to the property was not guarded, and people freely entered as they desired. That is what takes place in the life of a Christian who has little to no devotional life and is negligent when it comes to disciplining themselves.

Examples of Entry Points or Open Doors:

- Unforgiveness
- Occult practices
- Sexual sins
- Soul ties
- Broken covenants or vows
- Pride
- Idolatry
- Unconfessed sin
- Emotional wounds
- Transitions in life
- Natural disasters
- Acts of violence
- Church splits, etc.

Legal Rights

From the above Indonesian example, the squatters, after they have been living on the land for a period of time, can begin claiming they have a “legal right” to be there, stating that they own homes on the land. They can also claim the length of time they have occupied those homes as evidence of their “legal rights.”

In the life of a Christian, demon powers will attach themselves and claim they have a legal right, because the person has condoned their presence and activity through neglect and a lack of response to their initial entry.

During a deliverance session, the legal rights that demons claim to have in the life of a Christian are openly challenged—and ultimately proven wrong—and they are subsequently evicted!