

Five Strongholds to Pray Against:

1. Anger:

- We can operate in anger and not even realize it. We can call it stress, life, etc.
- They are hard to get along with and make life miserable for the spouse.
- Bad attitudes

Questions:

- Are you a cussing Christian?
- Have you been featured in Road Rage Magazine?
- Is yelling an acceptable form of communication?
- Do veins pop out in your neck when you speak to your kids?

Will Rogers once said, "Those who fly into a rage usually make very bad landings."

James 1:19-20 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Proverbs 29:22 An angry man stirs up strife, And a furious man abounds in transgression.

Proverbs 13:10 By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised is wisdom.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

2. Pride:

- Won't admit when wrong
- Isn't teachable. Thinks they know it all. Blames others for their problems
- Pride causes people to fall; always comes before a fall.

Questions:

- Do you have a hard time with someone who knows less than you but are in authority over you?
- Do you think you are above certain teachings?
- Do you point the finger at others for your problems?

3. Rebellion:

- Doing what they want to do contrary to the authorities request above them
- Stubbornness
- Excessively opinionated. (Saul had his own opinion the way things should go)

Questions:

- We parents expect our children to be obedient ~ Are we obedient?
- We men expect our wife to be submissive ~ Are we submissive?
- Do you take pride in being called stubborn?

1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.



4. Strife:

- Strife begins at the opening of the mouth, gossip.
- Strife will tear apart relationships and stop your ability to hear from God.
- God's attitude toward it:

Proverbs 6:16-19 These six things the Lord hates ...And one who sows discord among brethren.

Questions:

- Do you lack control with your mouth?
- Are you jealous when others are honored ahead of you?
- Do you listen to the gossip and discontent of others?

James 3:16 (KJS) For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.



5. Control:

- These people are happy and content when things are done their way or they are in charge.
- People with control issues don't like to receive counseling (because then they lose control and are found out).
- They are abusive. Some husbands use head of the home excuse to control wife and children. (Marriage is not legal slavery. There is mutual respect and working together).
- People with control issues accuse others of being controlling.

Questions:

- Do you act out of control when things don't go your way?
- Do you threaten your spouse with divorce when you are angry or don't get your way?
- Do your moods dictate the peace and stability of your home?

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- the use or the administering of drugs, poisoning
- sorcery, magical arts,
- casting spells, controlling others
- rebellion

Numbers 23:23 "For there is no sorcery against Jacob, Nor any divination against Israel.