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Replace the lies with God's truth found in Scripture.

Renounce the lies and announce the truth. As you dismantle the lies and replace them with truth, a stronghold of truth is established.

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32

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Tell yourself the truth over and over again to renew your mind.

Developing a new mindset is a process, not an event you do only once.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

*"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble,
whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things."
Philippians 4:8*



FREEDOM
from DECEPTION

*"For as he thinks within himself, so is he."
Proverbs 23:7*

The Author of Deception

Satan is known as the father of lies; he twists and distorts the truth. He wants us to believe his lies so we don't believe God's truth.

"...for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." John 8:44b

The anatomy of DECEPTION

Finding freedom
from deception
first involves
understanding the
components that
make up deception.

Sowing and Reaping

We need to pay attention to the thoughts we plant in our minds. We reap what we sow. Each thought planted is a deposit into the crop we will harvest. We become what we think and believe. If we want a different life, we need to think different thoughts.

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." Galatians 6:7

Strongholds

We build fortresses in our minds when we repeatedly believe Satan's lies. Each time we agree with a lie, we are saying "no" to God's truth. Agreement empowers the lie. Every lie we believe is a brick added to the stronghold of misbelief.

"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."

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

5 STEPS TO FREEDOM *from* DECEPTION



1

Protect your heart from deception by walking in humility and trusting God to give you discernment.

"When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom." Proverbs 11:2

2

Become a student of God's Word so you can discern between truth and deception.

The more you have the Word of God hidden in your heart, the easier you can spot lies from the enemy.

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11

3

Ask God to reveal the lies you've believed so you can remove them.

Eliminate any thought not supported by God's Word so truth can be erected in its place. Brick by brick we dismantle the lies we've believed.

"Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires." Romans 8:5