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Identity Theft (Recovery Plan)

*For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to **destroy strongholds**. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.*
2 Corinthians 10:3-6

How do we reverse a curse?

The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous.
Proverbs 3:33

What to do when our “spiritual” identity has been stolen:

I. Realize it has been stolen.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”
John 10:10

II. Acknowledge the source of theft.

*We destroy **arguments** and every **lofty opinion** raised against the knowledge of God . . .*
2 Corinthians 10:5a

III. Close the accounts.

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

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IV. Take control of your identity.

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
Ephesians 6:11-12

A. **Truth**

*Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of **truth** . . .* Ephesians 6:14a

B. **Word of God**

and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,
Ephesians 6:17

C. **Prayer**

praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,
Ephesians 6:18

V. Defend yourself and others.

*Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore **be alert** . . .*
Acts 20:28-31a

. . . and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.
2 Corinthians 10:5b-6

Who am I “in Christ”?

- I am accepted.
- I am valuable.
- I am loved.
- I am forgiven.
- I am capable.