

Manifestation – The Result of What is Rooted in Us
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A biblical definition of manifestation: When something is manifest it is evident, obvious, apparent, and plain for everyone to see and clearly visible to the eye or obvious to the understanding:

- **Romans 1:19** Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

What does the Word of God say about manifestation?

- **1Corinthians 12:7** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
- **Acts 1:8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
- **Ephesians 3:20** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

How do you and I manifest or act out our relationship with Christ in a manner that is apparent to others that we are truly children of the most high God?

- **John 6:62-63** What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

What was Jesus saying to His disciples in the above scripture; that the words that He had spoken unto them were not fleshly words, but spiritual and represented life, and that their problem was a root of unbelief. Life in the above scripture implies a supernatural quality beyond what is available to humanity in the natural realm.

- **Acts 4:31-32** And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness (32) And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

Personal Manifested Behavior:

Now, let us look at our personal life to try to gain an appreciation for how our deep-rooted nature produces ungodly manifestation. As we know from prior teaching this deep-rooted nature is called spiritual strongholds. Spiritual strongholds are areas of our life that are contrary to the will of God and are controlled by the prince of darkness by the use of his deceptive tactics, lies, and evil spirits in high places. These strongholds occur when we allow satan to gain access to an area of our life usually through disobedience, deception

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or just being ignorant of God's Word. These spiritual strongholds manifest sinful behavior, that often times manifest themselves physically. (read 2Corinthians 10:3-6)

- **2Corinthians 10:3-6** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. (4) For the weapons of our warfare *are* not ^[a]carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, (5) casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, (6) and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.
- **Strongholds:** is a well-fortified place: a fortress, a place that serves as the center of a group, as a militant or persons holding a controversial viewpoint

Examples of ungodly manifestation or behavior caused by spiritual strongholds:

- **Unforgiveness** – If you have a difficult problem forgiving others, maybe it is because you have a deep-rooted spirit of unforgiveness, that may be the result of past personal hurt or pain.
- **Ungodly communication** – If you have a problem controlling what comes out of your mouth, it maybe because of a deep-rooted problem caused by the lack of love or the lack of self-respect.
- **Stealing and lying** – If you have a problem of stealing and lying, it maybe caused by the lack of respect for authority.
- **Addiction** – If you suffer from an addiction problem of any kind, it may be a deep-rooted problem caused by the lack of love or lack of self-worth or esteem.
- **Relationship** – If you have a difficult time maintaining a Godly relationship with your spouse or someone else it maybe caused by a deep-rooted problem of the lack of biblical authority in your life.

The only true way to breakdown and destroy a spiritual stronghold or any influence that satan has over a person is by the power of God through His Word.

- **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.