Holding a grudge

Spiritual warfare is not some mystical battle where man is to **"bind the evil spirit"**

But spiritual warfare is applying God given Spiritual truths, against and in opposition to **ineffective** and destructive human weapons/ thought systems.

The Christian's human nature is to bring up other Christian's sin or place one in our own prison.

But **Christian spiritual weapons** that we use, against these mentalities, is the knowledge that God has forgiven us

1st by justification:

2nd through sanctification

grudge [g ə d] - noun
a persistent feeling of ill will or resentment resulting from a past insult or injury: *she held a grudge against her former boss.*

No one deserves to be forgiven, and no one deserves God's forgiveness, after we've been saved

1 Peter 2:6 (NKJV)
6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scriptures,
"Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone,
Elect, precious,
And he who believes on Him will by no means be ashamed."

1 John 1:9 (NKJV)
9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Before we were saved we could do nothing but sin because we were born in sin, and in all our mighty power cannot do it.

Romans 3:10 (NASB95)
10 As it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one;

Holding a grudge against someone is only destructive
It's like saying Christ's payment on the cross for my sin, can't be compared to the greater sin of that person against me!

Holding a grudge is much like grieving over past sin, you're just holding a grudge against yourself.

Here you ever had a tool or seen a tool you didn't know what it was for or how to use it?

And then one day you find out its use, and you say wow that will come in handy!

Grieving over past sin is a false reasoning

Romans 7:15 (NASB95)
15 For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I do not practice what I want to do, but I do the very thing I hate.

Romans 7:19 (NASB95)
19 For the good which I want, I do not do; but I keep on practicing the very evil which I do not want.

Romans 7:20 (NASB95)
20 But if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin which dwells in me.

Romans 7:21 (NASB95)
21 I find then the law, that when I want to do good, evil is present with me.

Romans 7:22 (NASB95)
22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inner man,

Romans 7:23 (NASB95)
23 but I see another law in my members, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

Romans 7:24 (NASB95)
24 Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

Romans 7:25 (NASB95)
25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then I myself with the mind serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

Romans 8:1 (NASB95)
1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:2 (NASB95)
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has freed me from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:3 (NASB95)
3 For what the law could not do, being weak through the flesh, God did; sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,

Romans 8:4 (NASB95)
4 so that the requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:5 (NASB95)
5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, on the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:6 (NASB95)
6 For the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:7 (NASB95)
7 Because the mind of the flesh is hostility toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so.

Romans 8:8 (NASB95)
8 And those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:9 (NASB95)
9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

False reasoning - false reasoning is a type of **sin** - 1 John 3:4 - 4 Everyone who keeps on sinning also breaks God's law; sin is lawlessness. (NLT)

Romans 14:23 (NASB95)
23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin