

The Full Armor of God

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Ephesians 6:10-18

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 THEREFORE put on the full armor of God, SO THAT when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

To live a victorious life we must put on the...

1. **BELT OF TRUTH** (Guarding Against the Enemies Lies)

Eph 6:13-14

13... and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist...

John 8:44

(Jesus said of the devil) ... 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 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.

2. **BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

(Resisting Temptation)

Eph 6:14

14 Stand firm... with the breastplate of righteousness in place...

3. **GOSPEL OF PEACE** (Standing Firm in Christ)

Eph 6:14-15

14 Stand firm... 15 ... with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

4. **SHIELD OF FAITH** (Protecting Against Satan's Attacks)

Eph 6:16

16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

5. **HELMET OF SALVATION** (Preserving Our Faith)

Eph 6:17

17 Take the helmet of salvation...

6. **SWORD OF THE SPIRIT** (Prevailing with God's Word)

Eph 6:17

17 Take the ... sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

To live a victorious life we must also...

7. **PRAY IN THE SPIRIT** (Constantly)

Eph 6:18

18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

1 Thes 5:16-18

16 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually (without ceasing); 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.