

WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

Ephesians 6:10-18

Daily, a battle in the unseen realm is being waged over your faith, over who you will believe - God or satan, the Truth or the lie. You are exhorted to *"fight the good fight of faith"* I Timothy 6:12. The fight is primarily over the **Word of God**, the Truth, and not over the apparent circumstances. Jesus said in John 10:10, *"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."* What does the thief, satan, desire to steal, kill, and destroy? *"The devil comes and takes away the Word (of God) out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved (healed, delivered, made whole)."* Luke 8:12 God exhorts you to *"keep them (the Word) in the midst of your heart,"* Prov. 4:21 so that you would *"...believe and be saved."* Luke 8:12 For *"The words that I (Jesus) speak to you are spirit and they are life"* John 6:63 for they are the spirit and life of Jesus Himself. *"...the Word was God."* John 1:1 *"His name is called **The Word of God.**"* Rev. 19:13.

Ephesians 6:10-11 *"Finally brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."* Thank-You Lord for strengthening and empowering me to stand against the schemes of deception, temptation, accusation, and other hindrances of the enemy by putting on the whole armor of God.

Ephesians 6:12 *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."* Christ is seated *"far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named."* Eph. 1: 21 And, I am seated with Him *"in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."* Eph. 2:6 I have been given *"authority ... over all the powers of the enemy."* Luke 10:19 Therefore, I bind the principalities, the powers, the rulers of darkness, and the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places from operating against me and against _____ (my spouse, my children, etc.) in any way.

Ephesians 6:13 *"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand."* Through faith I take up the WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD, which is Christ Himself. I accept my place **in Christ**, in who He is and what He has done for me through His victorious death and resurrection. Thank You Jesus for completely defeating the enemy, making a public spectacle of them (Colossians 2:15). Through faith, I recognize that **in Christ**, I too have defeated the enemy, having victory over sin, over sickness, and over every form of darkness. *"(I am) of God...and have overcome them (___sin or ___sickness), because He who is in (me) is greater than he who is in the world."* I John 4:4 *"(I) have overcome by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of (my) testimony..."* Revelations 12:11 I am an overcomer, a victor, a winner in every battle. Today, I boldly stand in my position **in Christ**, in the victory He has won for my life. In doing so, I stand **in the Truth** against every lie – every thought of defeat.

I put on the WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD:

1. The Belt of Truth *"Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth," Ephesians 6:14a*

I gird my waist with the belt of Truth, which is Jesus Christ Himself, the Word of God (John 1:1). Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life..."* Jn. 14:6a Jesus says that He is a *"Man who has told you the truth."* Jn. 8:40 *"I have written to you...(so) you know the certainty of the Words of truth."* Prov. 22:20-21 *"Your word is truth."* Jn. 17:18 As I meditate on Your Word, *"give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ (the Truth), the eyes of (my) understanding being enlightened"* Eph. 1:17-18 For Jesus You said, *"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."* Jn. 8:31-32 By the power of Your Holy Spirit, help me to obey the Truth, believing it and doing it. For You said, *"I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth."* III Jn. 2 *"(Your) truth shall be (my) shield and buckler."* Ps. 91:4

2. The Breastplate of Righteousness *"having put on the breastplate of righteousness," Eph.6:14b*

I put on the breastplate of righteousness. Thank You for giving me Your perfect righteousness. For it is written, *"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."* II Corinthians 5:21 Because you have *"covered me with the robe of righteousness"* Is. 61:10b, I

declare: *“No weapon formed against (me) shall prosper and every tongue which rises against (me) in judgment (I) shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and (my) righteousness is from (You), says the Lord.”* Is. 54:17 I rejoice that *“Your righteousness endures forever.”* Psalm 111:3

3. The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace *“and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;”* **Ephesians 6:15** I put on the shoes of the Gospel of Peace. Jesus Christ and His Good News is my peace. As it is written, I will *“be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let (my) requests be made known to God,”* so that, *“the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard (my) heart and mind through Christ Jesus.”* Phil. 4:6-7 I declare *“You will keep (me) in perfect peace, (for my) mind is stayed on You, because (I) trust in You.”* Is. 26:3 I choose to *“let (Your) peace rule in (my) heart.”* Col. 3:15

4. The Shield of Faith *“above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.”* **Ephesians 6:16** I take up the shield of faith, by which I am able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one – darts of unbelief, doubt, fear, discouragement, sickness, etc. It is written, *“And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.”* I John 5:4 *“So Jesus answered... ‘Have faith in God.’”* Mark 11:22 *“He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.”* Prov. 30:5 I place my faith in Jesus, *“the author and finisher of (my) faith.”* Heb. 12:2 I will strengthen myself in faith by prayerfully meditating on Your Word for You said, *“Faith comes from hearing, and hearing comes from the Word of God.”* Rom. 10:17 I choose to *“walk by faith and not by sight”* II Cor. 5:7 – faith in who You are and in what You say, Your Word, not in what I see or feel in the natural realm. I will be a worker of faith, *“as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”* James 2:26

5. The Helmet of Salvation *“And take the helmet of salvation,”* **Ephesians 6:17a**

I *“gird the loins of my mind”* (I Peter 1:13) with the helmet of salvation. I declare my faith in Jesus alone for my salvation. It is written, *“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”* Romans 10:9 I resist every thought from the enemy, words that contradict God’s Word, His salvation for my life. With this helmet, I bring *“every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”* II Corinthians 10:5 I keep my mind focused on *“whatever things are true...noble...just...pure...lovely...good report...”* Phil. 4:8, for *“(I) have the mind of Christ.”* I Cor. 2:16 I am who Jesus says I am, and I have what the Bible says I have, and I can do what the Bible says I can do for Jesus has saved (*healed, delivered, and made me whole*) to the uttermost (Hebrews 7:25).

6. The Sword of the Spirit *“And take “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”* **Eph. 6:17**

I take the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, which is Jesus Himself. I declare, *“the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword...”* Hebrews 4:12 As God’s child, I am an imitator of Him (Ephesians 5:1), *“out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations (strongholds). And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron.”* Revelations 19:15 He has made my mouth *“into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth; (I) shall thresh the mountains (of unbelief, sickness...) and beat them small, and make the hills like chaff...”* Isaiah 41:15 Because I have been meditating on Your Word day and night (Joshua 1:8), I take the sword of the Spirit in my mouth and cut to pieces the lies of the enemy for it is written *“death and life are in the power of the tongue...”* Proverbs 18:21

7. All Kinds of Prayers *“praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”* **Ephesians 6:18**

Prayers of adoration and thanksgiving; repentance; deliverance and protection (Psalm 91, Ephesians 6); supplication; agreement; intercession; praying and declaring the Word of God; praying in the Spirit.

Thank You, Father, for the whole armor of God. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, quicken me how to use the WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD effectively in every battle I face today.

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