

The Armor of God

Part 1- Ephesians 6:10-18

Four Points to Consider:

1. Mentally Prepare for Battle
2. Gird Your Waste with Truth
3. Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness
4. Shod Your Feet with the Gospel of Peace

Mentally Prepare for Battle

Eph 6:10-12 - We must understand that as God's people we stand firm in the power and _____ of the Lord.

We must understand the _____ nature of our enemy.

1 Peter 5:8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

The devil walks around trying to find a way to _____ you.

We must engage in battle against Satan, but there is no reason to walk into the enemy's _____.

Luke 4:1-3,13 *Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. 3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." 13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.*

After Jesus had fasted for forty days he was hungry.

Satan is _____.

Satan is also _____.

James 1: 13 - We must also know our own _____.

If we know our weaknesses, we will know what we need to avoid.

Gird Your Waist with Truth

Ephesians 6:13-18 - When the preparation is over we must take up the _____ armor of God and take our stand.

This battle is between two spiritual beings – God and Satan

John 14:1-6 - God's son says that He is the _____.

Hebrews 6: 16-18 - God's character _____ him from lying.

John 8:44-46 - When the devil lies he speaks from his own _____. Satan is the father of lies and there is no truth in him at all.

Pr 23:23 Buy the truth, and do not sell [it, Also] wisdom and instruction and understanding.

Ps 119:160 The _____ of Your word [is] truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments

[endures] forever.

Joh 17:17 "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

John 8:32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you _____."

When you gird your loins with truth, you save yourself from the wiles of the devil. You also reduce the number of things that can get you caught in the devil's snares.

We must make sure that we know the truth because the truth can make us _____.

1Pe 1:13 *Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest [your] hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness

During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus spent a lot of time talking about the importance of righteousness.

In Matthew 5:6 we are told to _____ and thirst for righteousness. In verse 10 Jesus says that we are blessed when we are persecuted for living _____.

In Matthew 5:20 Jesus says our righteousness must _____ the righteousness of the Pharisees.

In Matthew 6:33 we are told to seek the righteousness of _____.

The word means to be right, just, innocent or holy.

Matthew 1:18-19 *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.*

Joseph is a perfect example of a _____ man.

Job1:1 *There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.*

Two things illustrate why Job was described as being blameless and upright. First, he feared _____ . Second, he shunned evil.

Great people of God always do what they know is right regardless of the _____.

Acts 13:9 *Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him 10 and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? 11 "And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.*

Those who choose to be sons of the devil are _____ of righteousness.

This righteous living protects our hearts from the arrows Satan shoots at us.

We must shod our feet with the gospel of peace.

In the middle of a passage on war, Paul refers to the gospel of _____.

John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

The peace that Jesus offers is different from the peace the world offers.
The world's peace depends on _____ factors.

Phil 4:6-7 *6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

The peace given by Jesus guards our _____ and minds. It is an inward peace.

John 16:32 *32 "Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

Jesus wants us to know that even in the middle of conflict we can be at peace with God.

Romans 16:19 *For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. 20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.*

We can have this peace because we know the _____.