

Fight the Battle (Ephesians 6:10-19)

Bondservant – Part 6

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1 Timothy 6:12a (NIV) *Fight the good fight of the faith.*

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (NIV) *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*

Colossians 1:13 (NIV) *For he [God] has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,*

Colossians 2:15 (NIV) *And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he [Jesus] made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

1. Be _____ in the Lord

Ephesians 6:10 (NIV) *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.*

1A. Stand against the _____ schemes

Ephesians 6:11 (NIV) *Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*

1B. Your battle is against evil _____ forces

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV) *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.*

1C. Put on _____ armor

Ephesians 6:13 (NIV) *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.*

2. _____ firm with the ...

2A. Belt of _____

Ephesians 6:14a (NIV) *Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,*

2B. Breastplate of _____ conduct

Ephesians 6:14b (NIV) *... with the breastplate of righteousness in place,*

2C. Boots _____ to go

Ephesians 6:15 (NIV) *and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.*

2D. Shield of _____

Ephesians 6:16 (NIV) *In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.*

2E. Helmet of _____

Ephesians 6:17a (NIV) *Take the helmet of salvation ...*

2F. Sword of the _____

Ephesians 6:17b (NIV) *... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

3. Pray in the _____

Ephesians 6:18a (NIV) *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*

3A. Pray for the _____

Ephesians 6:18b (NIV) *With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.*

3B. Pray for our _____

Ephesians 6:19 (NIV) *Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,*

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Intro. In what ways are the many armed conflicts in our world a symptom of an underlying spiritual warfare?

How is every believer a fighter in the spiritual battle (1 Timothy 6:12a)?

How is spiritual warfare different than physical warfare (1 Corinthians 10:3-4)?

What is the goal for the believer in this spiritual battle (Colossians 1:3)?

How does it help to understand that the victory has already been accomplished (Colossians 2:15)?

1A. Why must we rely on the Lord's power in this battle (Ephesians 6:10)?

1B. What kind of schemes does the devil use against us (Ephesians 6:11)?

1C. Why is it important to understand that our battle is not against people (Ephesians 6:12)?

1D. Why must we have God's armor in order to stand our ground (Ephesians 6:13)?

2A. Explain how the belt of truth protects you (Ephesians 6:14a).

2B. Why is righteous conduct an important part of our armor (Ephesians 6:14b)?

2C. In what ways must our feet be firmly planted in order to fight (Ephesians 6:15)?

2D. What kind of flaming arrows from Satan will the shield of faith protect you from (Ephesians 6:16)?

2E. How does the helmet of salvation protect our minds (Ephesians 6:17a)?

2F. How is the sword of the Spirit, the rhema word of God (Ephesians 6:17b)?

3A. How is praying in the Spirit essential for spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:18a)?

3B. Why must we remember to pray for other believers in the church in the battle (Ephesians 6:18b)?

3C. Why is prayer for courage to witness an important aspect of the warfare (Ephesians 6:19)?