

Spiritual Warfare and the Armor of God

Overview: The Armor of God gives you the ability in the spiritual realm to stand against and prevail over all the wiles of the devil. When you understand the practical application of each component of the armor and put it into application in your life, as part of your normal lifestyle, you will successfully withstand as a super-conqueror in the days of evil. Eph 6:10-18.

A. Applying the Armor of God.

1. Put on the armor with knowledge/understanding. Eph 6:15-18
2. Put on the armor with your words. Mark 11:23
3. Wear the armor at all times as an integral part of your lifestyle. 2 Cor 10:3,4

B. Loins Girt with Truth (Spirit) Eph 6:14

1. Understanding: The belt covers the loins which is the source of life. Jesus is the Life. With the very life of God dwelling in your spirit, you have the power in you to overcome every sin, temptation and trial of life (Rom 8:11).
2. The devil's lie: You won't win over this challenge, sin, etc.
3. Your Word of victory: In the Name of Jesus, I am more than a conqueror. No weapon of the enemy shall prevail against me, I am victorious because the very God of the universe lives in me.

C. Breastplate of Righteousness (Heart) Eph 6:14

1. Understanding: Through the Blood of Jesus, all your sins, past, present and future, have been forgiven. Therefore, before God, you are seen as righteous through the Blood of Jesus. That means that everything, every blessing, every benefit of God is now available to you right now.
2. The devil's lie: You sinned again, how can you call yourself a Christian? God can never use a sinner like you.
3. Your Word of Victory: I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

D. Feet Shod with the Preparation of the Gospel (Soul) Eph 6:15

1. Understanding: The direction, which you take with your feet, determines the course of your life. Immerse yourself in the Word of God to change your life but also to minister to others. The engrafted Word sets free both you and those to whom you minister.
2. The devil's lie: You don't know enough; you can't do it; you'll just fail.
3. Your Word of Victory: In the name of Jesus, I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. I am a workman, who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God.

E. The Shield of Faith (Mind) Eph 6:16

1. Understanding: The shield of faith protects you against the fiery darts of the enemy which come against your mind. No matter what the circumstances look like, you are choosing to see through the eye of faith and resisting every dart of doubt and unbelief which contradicts the Word of God.
2. The devil's lie: The circumstances are showing that God can't help you. Just give up on God.
3. Your Word of victory: This is the victory that overcomes the world, even my faith. God is not a man that He should lie, so I choose to believe God and not the circumstances.

F. The Helmet of Salvation (Body) Eph 6:17

1. Understanding: The helmet protects the brain, thus the body. The salvation package, which you have through Jesus, covers every aspect of your life. Wherever there is any attack of evil against us, Jesus has covered it through our salvation package.
2. The devil's lie: Jesus has saved you but this (trial, temptation, etc.) is going to result in your failure, death or destruction.
3. Your Word of victory: In the Name of Jesus, I have God's Shalom peace. There is nothing missing and nothing broken in my life because Jesus paid the price for my full salvation.

G. The Sword of the Spirit (Words) Eph 6:17

1. Understanding: The sword is your offensive weapon. With it, you cut to ribbons the work of the enemy so it has no effect on you. The Word of God in your mouth is that lethal weapon of spiritual warfare.
2. The devil's lie: Affirmations are just vain repetitions. You are just wasting your time.
3. The Word of victory: In the name of Jesus, the Word of God in my mouth is powerful and effective, so satan, in the Name of Jesus, get out of here and leave me alone.

H. Praying Always (Works) Eph 6:18

1. Understanding: The work of ministry begins with the work of prayer. Once the armor is on, the time of battle has come. You do battle in the heavenlies for the Kingdom of God to be established on the earth.
2. The devil's lie: Your little prayer won't make a bit of difference.
3. The Word of victory: In the name of Jesus, my prayers are effective and accomplish much because in Jesus, I am a righteous person.