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Part 4C | **THE DISCIPLE'S ARMOR**

Consistent victorious spiritual warfare is always experienced from the standpoint of victory in Christ. (John 16:33)

Ephesians 6:10-20 is the clearest definition of the spiritual war in Paul's writings. It not only tells us that there is a spiritual war, but it tells us that by engaging in this war using the weapons God has provided, we are victorious.

- Ephesians 6:10-13 *...For we do not wrestle 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....* (Matthew 12:25-30)



The _____ of the Armor of God

The Armor of God represents qualities which victoriously repel the devil's attacks. Romans 13:12 describes this armor as the Armor of Light!

Ephesians 6:10-13 *...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.*

1. **The belt of TRUTH** *A correct spiritual perception of reality.*
 - This is the Greek word, *aletheia*, and means the unveiled reality lying at the basis of and agreeing with an appearance.
 - A key in winning the battle is to have a true understanding of reality — what is *really* taking place. (2 Chronicles 20:22-23; Matthew 26:69-75; John 18:10; Luke 22:49-51)
2. **The breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS** *Correct behavior coming from our faith and obedience to God's Word.*
 - This is the Greek word, *diakaios*, conforming to God's rightness in contrast to the lawlessness of this world. It is doing right by obeying God's Word. (1 Samuel 15:22-23; Psalm 19:13-14)
 - The warrior's character and right behavior, growing from a right heart, is a great defense.
3. **Footwear of READINESS** *Being spiritually and emotionally alert.*
 - This is the Greek word, *hetoimasia*, and means preparation,

Notes...

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The code on the left takes you to the expanded lesson online. Put aside some time to read the information this week!

Memory verses

2 Corinthians 10:4-6
Galatians 5:16-18

Answers

Characteristics
Rhema
action

Main thought that the Holy Spirit revealed to me...

adjusted, to be ready. Being ready requires that we are *always* ready.

- 1 Peter 1:13 *Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober,...* (Matthew 25:13; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:6)

4. **The shield of FAITH** *An immovable and determined position in belief and action.*

- This is the Greek word, *pistis*, and means to be persuaded in belief and in action. Faith is choosing to believe God and His word even in the face of conflicting reality. (2 Chronicles 20:20-24; Romans 4:18-21; Hebrews 11:1-2,6, 32-40)
- Satan's "fiery darts" are his lies, deceptions, and perversions of reality. Use the shield of faith and *stands firm in the battle*.

5. **The helmet of SALVATION** *Confidence in God's ability to save and deliver His warriors.*

- This is the Greek word, *soterion*, which is the confident and anticipative hope of salvation, past, present and future. (1 Thessalonians 5:8-9)
- The helmet both protected the soldier's head and provided a striking symbol of military might.

6. **The sword of the Spirit, which is the _____ WORD OF GOD** *Our spiritual power through God's revealed Word.*

- The Greek word for Word is *rhema*, a personal and specific word for a specific situation. (Matthew 4:1-11; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 4:12) The battle is spiritual and must be fought *with* God's Word.
- In Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus used God's Word (*rhema*) as He was being tested in the wilderness. When God's Word is correctly applied to the situation at hand we have a powerful weapon against the lies and deceptions of the devil.

The Believer's _____

1. **Once the armor has been "put on," PRAY!** (Ephesians 6:18)
2. **Understand that Satan is not "omnipresent" nor all-powerful!**
3. **Recognize Satan's limitations and his power is limited by God's will.** (Job 1:12, 2:2-6; Matthew 4:1)
4. **Realize Satan has been conquered!** (Colossians 2:13-15; James 4:7; 1 John 3:8)
5. **Remember we have One who intercedes for us!** (Luke 22:31-32; Romans 8:34)
6. **Deny Satan any foothold in any area of life!** (John 14:30; Ephesians 4:27)
7. **Scan the QR code for "Engaging the Enemy."**



Romans 13:12
*...and let us put
on the armor of light.*

**Additional
thoughts...**

