

Ephesians 6:14-15

Dressing for War

1. Stand Therefore:

- a. Our warfare is _____. –Eph 6:11
- b. Our warfare is _____. –Eph 6:12
- c. Our full armor is from _____. –Eph 6:13
- d. Our aim is to _____ and stay standing. –Eph 6:13

2. Having Fastened on the Belt of Truth:

- a. Isaiah 11:1-5 – This is the belt worn by the _____. –Is 11:10
- b. Fastening the belt prepares us for _____. –Lk 12:35
- c. This belt is God's truth consistently _____ through us:
 - i. _____ truth protects us from deception. –Heb 5:11-14
 - ii. _____ truth protects us from hypocrisy. –3 John 1:3-4

3. Having Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness:

- a. Isaiah 59:16-17 - _____ wears this breastplate to judge. –1 Thes 5:8
- b. The breastplate is our _____ created in Christ Jesus:
 - i. It requires God's _____ righteousness. –Eph 2:8-10
 - ii. It is the _____ of our putting on _____. –Eph 4:20-24; 5:9
 - iii. Our present right _____ protects us in future trials. –Rom 6:16-18

4. Having Put on the Readiness of the Gospel of Peace:

- a. Isaiah 52:6-7 – The Lord's _____ announces that the Lord has returned to, and _____, His people. –Eph 2:17
- b. Embrace the reality that you are God's _____. –2 Cor 5:16-21
- c. The goodness of our message _____ us to speak. –Rom 10:15
- d. We are to be prepared to _____ the gospel of peace even as we engage in intense and grueling warfare. –Eph 6:19-20

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 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 firm.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.