

Ephesians 6:16-17

Preparing for War

1. Take Up the Shield of Faith: (16)

- a. Timing: _____ activity. –*Phil 4:12*
- b. Identify: Our _____ in the promises of God. –*Heb 13:5*
- c. Purpose: to _____ the lies and power of temptation:
 - i. Promised protection: You will _____ them. –*Jam 4:7*
 - ii. Comprehensive protection: _____ the flaming darts.
 - iii. Powerful protection: all the attacks of the _____ –*1 John 5:4*
- d. Bringing it all together:
 - i. _____ the tempting lie. –*Gen 3:1; Prov 20:5*
 - ii. _____ what God's Word says to this. –*Ezra 7:10; 2 Tim 2:15*
 - iii. _____ what God's word says. –*Prov 3:5; Luke 4:1-12*

2. Take the Helmet of Salvation: (17a)

- a. Isaiah 59:17 – _____ wears this helmet to war and judge.
- b. This helmet is trust in past, present, and future _____:
 - i. We have been _____ and _____. –*Eph 1:3*
 - ii. We have been _____ and _____ with Christ. –*Eph 2:4-10*
 - iii. We will _____ our inheritance in Him. –*Eph 1:3, 13-14*
- c. We must _____ ourselves with these things. –*Heb 10:25*

3. Take the Sword of the Spirit: (17b)

- a. Isaiah 11:4 – The _____ wields this sword. –*Rev 19:11-16, 21*
- b. It is a _____ instrument made for close combat. –*Heb 4:12-13*
- c. This sword comes _____ the Spirit. –*John 16:13*
- d. In a _____ battle this is our only _____ weapon:
 - i. Do not arm yourself with the _____ of men. –*1 Cor 2:1-5*
 - ii. Trust in God's own _____ of _____. –*Jer 23:29*

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.