

Ephesians Ephesians 6:10-14

Strong in the Lord

We're told to be strong in the Lord.

- Ephesians 6:10
- We must choose to be strong in the Lord.
- We need God's strength to live the life to which He's called us.
 - 2 Corinthians 12:9 God's power made perfect in my weakness (God puts a tent of strength over our weakness)
 - The enemy

We have a spiritual enemy.

- Ephesians 6:11 Is it a command or suggestion?
- God's armor gives us strength to stand against what?
 - _____
- Satan wants to take back the territory of God in you.
 - List at least 3 areas of your life God has taken back for Him.
 - List the areas you need to give over to Jesus.
 - How do you put on the armor and use it in your life?

Satan is real but is he: all knowing, all powerful, omnipresent?

- Satan is a fallen rebellious angel, defeated and expelled from heaven by God.
- Satan has some power, intelligence, and has obedient followers, other fallen angels called demons.
- Satan wants to weaken and defeat God's children and their influence for God. How does he use generational sin against us?
 - _____
 - Ephesians 6:12
- We wrestle not against flesh and blood... – Ephesians 6:12, KJV
- Satan is a deceiver, a tempter, and an accuser.
 - 2 Corinthians 11:14 he pretends to be an angel of light

- Satan is in no way equal to God. God is infinitely more powerful than Satan and God's power is in us.
 - 1 John 4:4 Greater is He who is in me than _____
- God wins and Satan loses!
 - Revelation 20:10

The armor

God's armor gives us the strength to stand against Satan's attacks.

- Ephesians 6:13 Complete armor when the evil day comes.

God's armor is spiritual for a spiritual battle against spiritual forces.

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 *How to demolish strongholds*

What thoughts do you need to take captive today to the obedience of Jesus and His Word? _____

God gives us the belt of _____. It is the foundation and holds up the breast plate of _____.

- Ephesians 6:14a
- We arm ourselves with God's truth, not our own.
- We arm ourselves with truth and integrity in our lives.
- God gives us armor battle-tested by Him.
 - Isaiah 11:5b
- We battle Satan's lies with truth.
 - 1 Peter 1:13, KJV Grid up the loins of your mind.
 - 2 Corinthians 10:5 Take how many thoughts captive?

God gives us the breastplate of _____.

- Isaiah 59:16-17a His own armor brought Him victory
- We arm ourselves with the righteousness of Jesus imputed to us when we're saved.
 - Romans 3:22, Isa.64:6 CSB our righteousness is ceremonially unclean, like a leper or menstrual cloth
- We arm ourselves with Jesus's godly and righteous character that hates sin and resists temptation to sin and the belt of God's truth holds it up and shoulders the burden.

Action Steps

- Ask God to help you recognize and demolish anything in your life that doesn't line up with His truth.
- Put on God's righteousness daily and take off your self-righteousness because it is nasty.

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10 In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].

11 Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil.

12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

13 Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

14 Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity and of moral rectitude and right standing with God

2Cor.10:4-5⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow *and* destruction of strongholds,

⁵ [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments *and* theories *and* reasonings *and* every proud *and* lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought *and* purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ

