The Armour of God

Although we have a spiritual enemy who is stronger than us, God has provided the Christian believer with powerful combat equipment to attack and pull-down wicked strongholds.

You are under a Spiritual Attack

We have a clear warning in the Word of God: Read Ephesians 6:10-13 with:

1 Peter 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

Our relationship with other Christians should always be one of patience, love and forgiveness ...

Sin, hindrances, concerns, worries should be dealt with ... (1 Peter 5:7)

... Lest Satan <u>should take advantage of us;</u> for we are not ignorant of his devices. (2 Corinthians 2:11) [forgive and restore to fellowship]

Though attacks may differ, be alert and aware of them. Have a mindset of awareness. Know <u>your enemy</u> (Eph 6:12), and <u>reason</u> for putting on the armour of God – your Spiritual Armour (Eph 6:13)

Put on Spiritual Armour

"Putting on" can only be done after we have "cast off the works of darkness" (Rom 13:12). Those who are "of the day" <u>should be sober</u> [not be influenced by things that <u>hinder</u> clear thinking] The principles (armour of light) that are to be put on are: (Study the Armour pieces: Ephesians 6:14-17)

Put on

The <u>BREASTPLATE</u> of faith and love as a <u>HELMET</u> the hope of salvation (1Thes 5:8) ... the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left (2 Cor 6:7) ... girded your waist_with the <u>BELT OF TRUTH</u> ...having <u>SHOD YOUR FEET</u> with the preparation of the gospel of peace...take the <u>SHIELD</u> of faith...and the <u>SWORD</u> which is the Word of God. (Ephesians 6:14-17, read also verses 11-13)

A daily process: Be alert 24/7, and put on the armour of God (like clothes) 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians6:14-17

Wage Warfare with Spiritual Weapons

You can "wage the good fight" <u>as long as you</u> **hold on to your faith** and keep **a good conscience** (1 Tim 1:18).

God gives grace to the humble, therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. (Jam 4:6-8)

◆ Apply all the spiritual principles in your life just as a soldier puts on his armour. Do not entangle yourself with the affairs of this life (2Tim 2:4) and remember that He Who is in you is greater that he who is in the world (1 John 4:4) The Lord will deliver you from every evil work (2 Tim 4:18). Thank God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor 15:57)

Can you list the <u>six</u> items of God's Armour?

Be strong and courageous for the Lord is fighting with you

Sober = self-controlled **Vigilant** = watchful for trouble and danger Ignorant = lack awareness or knowledge **Devices** = clever evil plans, schemes, wiles, tricks to catch **Action** = Do not place yourself in any position where Satan can get any foothold in your life. Walk with Jesus ...the true Light which gives light to every man who comes into the world (Joh 1:9: 1 Jo 1:7) All the Armour pieces are defensive except for the sword of the Spirit. Note: speaking the truth will protect [gird] you. The gospel brings peace between God and sinful man. **Defence**: our verbal attack should always be based on God's Word. Jesus is our example: Matthew 4; Luke 4) Warfare = The act of waging war: defence and strategic attack. **Conscience** = sense of right and wrong **Submit** = yield yourself to His will **Entangle** = caught in, 2 Corinthians 2:14 Revelation 12:11

Memorize: The weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood]. Our weapons are divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. (2 Corinthians 10:4 AMP)

Pray: Father, help me to put on Your Spiritual Armour that protects me.

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