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Life – there's an app for that!

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## Ephesians 6:10-24 "Spiritual Warfare2"

Satan doesn't leave fang marks on your flesh but lies in your heart to distort your view of God through temptation & accusation. Without your spiritual armor you are a pawn in the devil's game!

vv11, 13 Put on (take up) the whole armor of God...

#### When Do I Put It On?

V14 Stand therefore, having fastened...

- All of life is a **battleground**. (V12 "wrestle"; 1Jn5:19; 2Pet. 5:8)
- The key to victory is becoming <u>skilled</u> (training, discipleship) in putting on the armor of God. (Vv11, 13; 2Tim2:3-4)
- It's the <u>everyday little battles</u> that prepare you for the big battles. (Eph4:27; Jer.12:5; 1Cor5:6; 1Tim6:12)

### How Do I Put It On? Luke 8:22-25

- It is applying the Gospel <u>specific</u> to the lies (temptations/accusations) Satan uses on me. (V11 "schemes"; 2Cor2:11, 11:3)
- It is taking regularly & consistently the truths of the Gospel into your heart so that when you're tempted or accused (by the Devil) you <u>internally</u> & <u>instinctively</u> think, feel and act as an infinitely loved, secure, significant person in Christ. (V10 be strong, vv11,13 suit up; v13 stand firm; Col2:15; Rev12:11)

## What Do I Put On? Vv14-20

- Belt of Truth = <u>Jesus</u> (John 8:31-32, 14:6, 16:31, 17:3)
- Breastplate of Righteousness = My ID in Jesus (Rom1:16-17, 25; 2Cor.5:21; Matt3:16-17)
- Sandals of the Good News of Peace = <u>contagious</u> <u>about Jesus</u> (Rom5:1; Matt16:13-19, 28:18-20)

- Shield of Faith = <u>Fix your eyes on Jesus</u> (2Cor5:7; Heb11:1, 6, 12:2)
- Helmet of Salvation = <u>Take every thought captive</u>. (2Cor11:3; Pro4:23, 23:7(NAS) 2Cor10:3-5)

How do you do all of this? <u>Bible</u> & <u>Prayer</u> Sword of the Spirit (Word of God) (John 5:39-40; Matt4:1-11; Ps119:11) and Pray at all times in the Spirit (Phil4:6; Col4:2; 1Thess5:17)



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- 1) Satan doesn't leave fang marks on your flesh but lies in your heart to distort your view of God through temptation & accusation (2Cor11:3, 14; Jn8:44). Explain. What evidence would there be if Satan were making progress in your life?
- 2) Read Eph.6:10-24. Twice in this text the writer say's put on (take up) the whole armor of God. What is his urgency? Jesus came to give us fullness of life (Jn10:10) but without your spiritual armor how are you a pawn in the devil's game?
- 3) When it comes to putting on your armor how does knowing that "All of Life is a Battleground" help you? Why is the key to victory not so much deliverance (quick fix) but discipleship (training/skill in putting on your armor)? How do the everyday little battles (worry, impatience, passivity) prepare you for life's big battles (Eph4:27; Jer.12:5; 1Cor5:6; 1Tim6:12)?
- 4) In putting on our armor what does it mean to apply the Gospel specific to the lies (temptations, accusations) Satan uses on you (V11 "schemes"; 2Cor2:11, 11:3)? When you're tempted or accused (by the Devil) what would it take for you to instinctively think, feel & act as an infinitely loved, secure, significant person in Christ?
- **5)** Review the 1<sup>st</sup> five pieces of armor. Which one(s) are strengths & growth areas for you? What important role do Bible & prayer play in spiritual warfare? What lies must we overcome of Satan to make Bible & prayer a higher priority personally, in a small group & corporately (weekend services)? Pray.