

A Life of Faith- Every Day
Ephesians 6:10-20
Godly Battle Part 1

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”

Ephesians 6:11

Life Application: God has given us good spiritual armor to withstand evil attacks.

3 Characteristics of the spiritual forces against us:

- They are powerful- Satan is described as the “ruler of this world” (Matt. 4:8-9) and “the whole world is in the power of the evil one.” (1 John 5:19)
- They are wicked- they hate light and are violently opposed to anything to do with God’s light. (John 8:12; 2 Cor. 6:14)
- They are cunning- Satan rarely attacks in the open, he prefers the darkness and is described as a wolf. (Matt. 10:16; Luke 10:3; John 10:12; Acts 20:29)

Point: To put on the belt of truth means to identify and put away all lies.

Truth must surround us in order to protect us, otherwise we are open to attack in some area of our life.

Point: Our righteousness is not our own, so imitate Him who gave it to us.

Righteousness- a legal term dealing with right standing. Only the righteousness of Jesus allows us to have right standing and acquittal of guilt due to His death and resurrection.

To put on the breastplate of righteousness means that Christians are to reflect the righteous character of Jesus in our actions.

Point: Put on the shoes of the gospel to rescue people from the tyranny of Satan.

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’”

Isaiah 52:7

Be ready and willing to be a messenger of the good news.

Note the 4 times Paul uses the word “stand” (6:11, 13-14). Armor bearers stand- they do not sit!

Take away...

Unless we put on the *whole* armor of God we *will not* stand against Satan’s attacks.

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, May 24th, 2015
Next week: Godly Battle Part 2- Ephesians 6:10-20