

“GROW UP & GET TO WORK!” [Part 13 - Conclusion]

A Series on the book of Ephesians

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INTRO: We are concluding our Ephesian series by looking at Spiritual Warfare and The Armor of God (Eph. 6:10-20).

I. SPIRITUAL WARFARE & THE ARMOR OF GOD (6:10-20).

A. The Call to Engage in Spiritual Warfare (6:10-13).

1. We're called to be strong in God's might (v. 10).
2. We're to put on all the armor of God so we can stand victorious against the wiles of the devil (vv. 11, 13).
 - a. This is our responsibility – not God's or another!
 - b. We need all the armor, not just our preferences!
3. We're in a spiritual battle against spiritual forces (v. 12).
 - a. Don't get caught up with fighting with people.
 - b. Don't get too impressed with evil forces.
 - c. You won't be safe not engaging (Jn. 10:10; 1Pet. 5:8).

B. The Individual Pieces of Armor (6:14-17).

1. The belt of truth (6:14a) – Jesus (Jn. 14:6), the Word of God (Jn. 17:17), freedom (Jn. 8:32), speaking truth (Eph. 4:15) and exposing the works of darkness (Eph. 5:11).
2. The breastplate of righteousness (6:14b; Prov. 4:23). Righteousness is right standing with God, which comes by faith & empowers us to live right (Rom. 1:17; 3:22).
3. The gospel boots (v. 15) – living & sharing the gospel of peace with God and others (1Pet. 3:15; Rom. 10:15).
4. The shield of faith (v. 16) – to quench ALL the fiery darts of the devil (1Jn. 5:4; Lk. 10:19; 1Pet. 5:8-9; Ja. 4:7)?
5. The helmet of salvation (v. 17a) – renewed mind (Rom. 12:2)
6. The sword of the Spirit – the word [“rhema”] of God (v. 17b) – the revealed word by God's Spirit (Heb. 4:12).

C. Praying Always (vv. 18-20).

1. Pray always with the various types of prayer (v. 18).
2. Prayer is how we put on, keep on and use the armor.
3. Pray with passion (sincerely, earnestly), perseverance, and in the Spirit (including in tongues).
4. Be watchful in prayer & pray for others (Job 42:10).
5. Paul asked for prayer (vv. 19-20). Do you?

II. CLOSING REMARKS (Benediction) (6:21-24).