

### 15 – THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE (EPHESIANS 6:10-18)

#### I. Final Encouragement (Ephesians 6:10-11)

##### A. Moving To A Conclusion (Ephesians 6:10)

- Paul is moving toward concluding his letter with one final encouragement.

##### B. Strengthen Yourself (Ephesians 6:10)

- He calls his readers to be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.
- The word “might” refers to power that overcomes resistance.

##### C. Put On the Whole Armor (Ephesians 6:11)

- Paul calls his readers to put on the whole armor of God.
- Believers are to do this in order stand against the wiles or schemes of the devil.

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 2:11

nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

#### II. The Spiritual Reality (Ephesians 6:12)

- Paul points out that our struggle is not against flesh or blood.
- Paul uses multiple descriptions to point out that we struggle with spiritual forces of evil.

#### III. The Armor of God (Ephesians 6:13-18)

##### A. The Call (Ephesians 6:13)

- Once again, Paul tells his readers to take up the whole armor of God.
- Believers are to do this so that they can withstand Satan in the evil day.
- The “evil day” refers to hours of trial that each believer faces.

##### B. The Armor (Ephesians 6:14-18)

###### 1. Truth (Ephesians 6:14)

- Believers are stand as they gird themselves with truth.

###### 2. Righteousness (Ephesians 6:14)

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- Believers are to protect themselves with Christ's righteousness not our own.
- 3. The Gospel (Ephesians 6:15)
  - The Gospel provides believers with a readiness to stand.
- 4. Faith (Ephesians 6:16)
  - Believers can protect themselves against the attack of Satan with faith in God.
- 5. Salvation (Ephesians 6:17)
  - Paul calls believers to protect their minds with the truths of salvation.
- 6. Word of God (Ephesians 6:17)
  - Paul points out that our weapon in the spiritual battle is the word of God.
- 7. Prayer (Ephesians 6:18)
  - Believers that they should be watchful and pray with every type of prayer.