

Ephesians 6:10-17

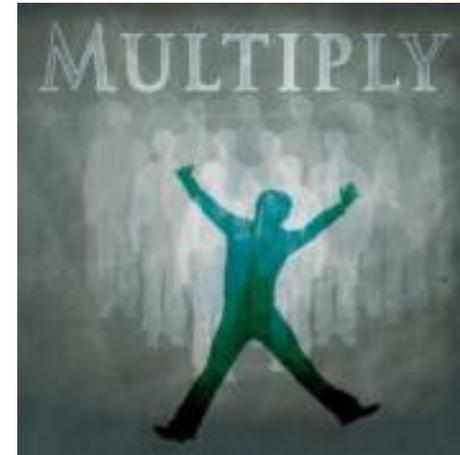
The Armor of God

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

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Supernatural Warfare Preparing For Battle

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

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WHAT YOU SEE IS NOT ALL THERE IS

WHAT DOES THE DEVIL DO?

- **HE BLINDS THE MINDS OF UNBELIEVERS.**
The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers...2 Corinthians 4:4
- **HE SETS TRAPS TO ENSNARE YOU.**
...and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. 2 Timothy 2:26
- **HE STEALS GOD'S WORD FROM YOU.**
"When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart." Matthew 13:19
- **HE FIGHTS TO STOP YOU.**
For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan stopped us. 1 Thessalonians 2:18
- **HE PLANS TO DESTROY YOU.**
Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

PREPARING FOR BATTLE.

- **YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN YOUR BATTLES. (10-13)**
When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 2 Kings 6:15-17

Describe a time when you realized God was doing something spiritually that you couldn't see with your natural eyes.

What do these verses tell us about the power of the Spirit that we can apply to ourselves today?

GOD HAS GIVEN US TO ARMOR AND WEAPONS TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY. (14-17)

- **The TRUTH dwells in us.**
¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. John 14:16-17
- **RIGHTEOUS living will keep us clear of the traps the Devil sets.**
⁵ The righteousness of the blameless makes their paths straight, but the wicked are brought down by their own wickedness. Proverbs 11:5
- **The GOSPEL of peace is living in us.**
¹⁴ I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one. 1 John 2:14
- **Through FAITH we can withstand anything the enemy does.**
And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28
- **Armed with His WORD the Devil cannot touch us.**
¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

YOUR PRAYERS ARE FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU KNOW. (18)

- ¹² Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.
¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.
¹⁴ Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future." Daniel 10:12-14 NASB