

BATTLE PLAN: HOW TO WIN YOUR SPIRITUAL WAR (PART 2)

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

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I. A REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIES TO PREPARE ME FOR THE BATTLE

1. Recognize the reality of Spiritual Warfare

A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:10-12 (NLT)

2. Identify the powerful enemy and his forces of evil (See Revelation 12:7-9)

Be careful—watch out for attacks from Satan, your great enemy. He prowls around like a hungry, roaring lion, looking for some victim to tear apart.

1 Peter 5:8 (TLB)

3. Remember that my victory is assured

The Son of God came for this purpose: to destroy the devil's work.

1 John 3:8 (NCV)

4. Know that the source of victory is the power of God

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Ephesians 6:10 (NIV)

I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13 (GWT)

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 8:37 (NIV)

But we thank God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57 (NCV)

II. WEAPONS TO HELP ME WIN THE BATTLE —EPHESIANS 6:10-18

1. Belt of Truth (v.13)

Jesus answered, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me.

John 14:6 (NCV)

2. Breastplate of Righteousness (v.14)

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood...

Romans 3:23-25a (NLT)

3. Footwear of the Gospel of Peace (v.15)

So now, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith in his promises, we can have real peace with him because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. For because of our faith, he has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to actually becoming all that God has had in mind for us to be.

Romans 5:1-2 (TLB)

4. Shield of Faith (v.16)

Every child of God can defeat the world, and our faith is what gives us this victory.

1 John 5:4 (CEV)

5. Helmet of Salvation (v.17)

Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.

Proverbs 4:23 (NCV)

The weapons we use in our fight are not the world's weapons but God's powerful weapons, which we use to destroy strongholds. We destroy false arguments; we pull down every proud obstacle that is raised against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (TEV)

6. Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God (v.17)

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 119:11 (NIV)

7. Praying in the Spirit (v.18)

Jesus answered, "Only prayer can force out that kind of demon."

Mark 9:29 (CEV)