

# Spiritual Warfare And The Armor Of God

"Life Foundations: Christian Faith Essentials", Part 10

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***THE BIG IDEA: WHILE SATAN OPPOSES US IN LIVING A GODLY LIFE, GOD HAS PROVIDED US WITH THE TOOLS AND PROMISE OF VICTORY OVER HIM!***

*"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."*

(Ephesians 6:12, NIV)

## I. DEFENDING OURSELVES AGAINST SATAN AND DEMONS: APPLICATION

(taken from C. Ryrie, "A Survey Of Bible Doctrine" p.95-96)

### 1. Pray and ask for God to **INTERCEDE** on your behalf.

*"Therefore [Jesus] is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them."*

(Hebrews 7:25, NIV)

*"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."*

(John 17:15, NIV)

### 2. Recognize that God may even **USE SATAN** to teach us lessons.

*"To keep me from being conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan, to torment me."*

(2 Corinthians 12:7, NIV)

### 3. Have a healthy **RESPECT** for Satan's power and rely on the Lord alone.

*"But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you!'"*

(Jude 9, NIV)

### 4. Be alert for Satan's various kinds of **ATTACKS**.

*"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."*

(1 Peter 5:8, NIV)

**5. Be aware of Satan’s various methods and TACTICS.**

“...in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.”  
(2 Corinthians 2:11, NIV)

**6. Resist the devil’s influence by SUBMITTING YOURSELF to God.**

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7, NIV)

**7. Take a DECISIVE STAND against Satan’s schemes.**

“... take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” (Ephesians 6:11b, NIV)

**8. Put on the “armor of God” to stand your ground against the devil. (Ephesians 6:11-18)**

**The armor piece:**

**The armor’s practice in our life:**

a. The belt of truth:

INTEGRITY in our thoughts. (Isaiah 11:5)

b. The breastplate of righteousness:

CHARACTER in our actions. (Isaiah 59:17)

c. The gospel [shoes] of peace:

EVANGELISM in our lifestyle. (Isaiah 52:7)

d. The shield of faith:

CONFIDENCE in our God. (Psalm 3:3)

e. The helmet of salvation:

SECURITY in our salvation. (Isaiah 59:17)

f. The sword of the Spirit, God’s Word:

DEPENDENCE on the Bible. (Hebrews 4:12)

Observations: i. The first five pieces are DEFENSIVE, the last one is OFFENSIVE.

ii. The armor and its practice in our life is all the work of the HOLY SPIRIT.

**SUMMARY THOUGHT: BE CAREFUL TO RESIST THE DEVIL AND HIS EVIL ANGELS**