BIBLE TOPICS · THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

The Armor of God

Be Strong in the Lord · Ephesians 6:10

Where	Written by	Pieces	The weapon
Ephesians 6:10–18	The apostle Paul	Six, worn with prayer	The word of God

EPHESIANS 6:12

Know the Enemy

A good soldier knows his enemy. The Bible tells us who he is, how he works and why we need not fear him.

1

He Has Wiles

Crafty schemes, not open attacks.

"that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

EPHESIANS 6:11

2

Not Flesh and Blood

People are not the real enemy.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers"

EPHESIANS 6:12

3

A Roaring Lion

He looks for the careless.

"your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour"

1 PETER 5:8

4

The Father of Lies

His main weapon is deception.

"for he is a liar, and the father of it."

JOHN 8:44

5

An Angel of Light

Evil can look good.

"for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."

2 CORINTHIANS 11:14

6

A Defeated Foe

Christ in us is greater.

"because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."

1 JOHN 4:4

KEY VERSE

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Ephesians 6:11 (KJV)

The Armor of God Chart

EPHESIANS 6:10–18

The Whole Armour of God

Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might

Six pieces, worn with prayer · King James Version

Stand Therefore

Ephesians 6:14–17

1 The Belt of Truth

Held the soldier's tunic and sword in place. Know God's truth and live it.

EPHESIANS 6:14 · JOHN 17:17

2 The Breastplate of Righteousness

Guarded the heart. Christ's righteousness covers us; we walk in it.

EPHESIANS 6:14 · 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

3 Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

Kept the soldier's footing sure. Peace with God, ready to share it.

EPHESIANS 6:15 · ROMANS 5:1

4 The Shield of Faith

Quenched flaming arrows. Trusting God puts out the devil's lies.

EPHESIANS 6:16 · 1 JOHN 5:4

5 The Helmet of Salvation

Protected the head. The sure hope of salvation guards the mind.

EPHESIANS 6:17 · 1 THESSALONIANS 5:8

6 The Sword of the Spirit

The one weapon for attack: the word of God, as Jesus used it.

EPHESIANS 6:17 · HEBREWS 4:12

Praying Always

+ Prayer in the Spirit

How the whole armor is worn: praying always, watching with all perseverance, and praying for all saints.

EPHESIANS 6:18–20

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The Armor Piece by Piece

EPHESIANS 6:14–17

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Each piece of the soldier's armor stands for something God gives His people, and each one points to Christ.

THE BELT

Truth

Christ is the truth, and His word is truth.

"Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth."

JOHN 17:17

THE BREASTPLATE

Righteousness

His righteousness, given to us by faith.

"that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

THE SHOES

The Gospel of Peace

Firm footing, ready to go.

"we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

ROMANS 5:1

THE SHIELD

Faith

It quenches all the fiery darts.

"and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

1 JOHN 5:4

THE HELMET

Salvation

The sure hope that guards the mind.

"and for an helmet, the hope of salvation."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:8

THE SWORD

The Word of God

Sharper than any twoedged sword.

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword"

HEBREWS 4:12

> *"For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon His head"*
>
> Isaiah 59:17 (KJV)

How Jesus Used the Sword of the Spirit

MATTHEW 4:1–11

How Jesus Used the Sword of the Spirit

When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, He answered each temptation with the word of God, “It is written.”

TEMPTATION 1

Stones into Bread

Hungry after forty days, He trusted His Father.

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

MATTHEW 4:4

TEMPTATION 2

The Pinnacle of the Temple

Satan misused Scripture; Jesus used it rightly.

“It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.”

MATTHEW 4:7

TEMPTATION 3

All the Kingdoms

He would not bow to the devil.

“Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.”

MATTHEW 4:10

> *“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”*
>
> James 4:7 (KJV)

Putting On the Armor Every Day and Key Themes

FOR TODAY

Putting On the Armor Every Day

The armor is not only for great crises. These are simple ways to stand firm each day.

1

Start with the Lord

Draw strength from Him, not yourself.

"be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."

EPHESIANS 6:10

2

Fill Your Mind with Truth

Read and remember His word.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee."

PSALM 119:11

3

Pray About Everything

Bring every care to God.

"but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

4

Resist the Devil

Say no to temptation at once.

"Neither give place to the devil."

EPHESIANS 4:27

5

Keep Watch

Stay alert and thankful.

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving"

COLOSSIANS 4:2

6

Endure as a Soldier

Stand firm when it is hard.

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

2 TIMOTHY 2:3

KEY THEMES

Six Truths About the Armor

These truths from Ephesians 6 help every believer stand firm.

1

Strength from the Lord

Not in our own power.

"be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."

EPHESIANS 6:10

2

A Spiritual Battle

The enemy is unseen.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood"

EPHESIANS 6:12

3

The Whole Armor

Every piece is needed.

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God"

EPHESIANS 6:13

4

Stand Firm

Hold the ground Christ has won.

"and having done all, to stand."

EPHESIANS 6:13

5

The Word Is Our Weapon

The one piece for attack.

"and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"

EPHESIANS 6:17

6

Pray Always

Prayer puts it all on.

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit"

EPHESIANS 6:18