

Five Parts of the Armor of God

Foundation: In John 10:10, Jesus gives a very concise definition of spiritual warfare. “The thief (*devil*) comes to steal, kill and destroy (KJV) but I have come that you can have real and eternal life, more and better life than you have ever dreamed of” (Message). God has provided the Armor of God for this warfare.

Overview:

The Armor of God (AOG) is not something you put on only when you need it. The AOG is a lifestyle based on knowledge, understanding and exercise of living the Word of God. It is the belief and behavioral system which guides your life. This module looks at the five parts of the Armor of God which protect the five parts of Man. The 6th and 7th parts deal with the power of the tongue and the works (actions and accomplishments) of the person. They will be studied later

The Armor of God Eph 6:14-17

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places].

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: v18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication

A. Loins Girt with Truth (Spirit) Eph 6:14

1. Understanding: The belt of truth covers the loins which is the source of life. Jesus is the Life. With the very life of God dwelling in your spirit, you have the knowledge and power in you to overcome every sin, temptation and trial of life (Rom 8:11).
2. The devil's lie (imagination and thoughts): You won't win over this challenge; you will give in to this sin; you keep repenting and sinning, etc. 2 Cor 10:5 Cast down imaginations and every high thing bring every thought into the obedience of Christ.
3. Your Word of Victory: In the Name of Jesus, I am more than a conqueror. No weapon of the enemy shall prevail against me, I am victorious because the God of the universe lives in me. I have been healed by the stripes of Jesus.

B. Breastplate of Righteousness (Heart) Eph 6:14

1. Understanding: Through the Blood of Jesus, all your sins, past, present and future, have been forgiven. Therefore, before God, you are seen as righteous through the Blood of Jesus. That means that everything, every blessing, every benefit of God is available to you right now.
2. The devil's lie: You sinned again; how can you call yourself a Christian? God can never use a sinner like you.
3. Your Word of Victory: I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

C. Feet Shod with the Preparation of the Gospel (Soul) Eph 6:15

1. Understanding: The direction which you take with your feet determines the course of your life. Immerse yourself in the Word of God to change your life but also to minister to others. The engrafted Word sets free both you and those to whom you minister.
2. The devil's lie: You don't know enough; you can't do it; you will just fail.
3. Your Word of Victory: In the Name of Jesus, I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. I am a workman who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God.

D. The Shield of Faith (Mind) Eph 6:16

1. Understanding: The shield of faith protects you against the fiery darts of the enemy which come against your mind. No matter what the circumstances look like, you are choosing to see through the eye of faith and resisting every dart of doubt and unbelief which contradicts the Word of God.
2. The devil's lie: The circumstances are showing that God can't help you. Just give up on God.
3. Your Word of Victory: This is the victory that overcomes the world, even my faith. God is not a man that He should lie, so I choose to believe God and not the circumstances.

E. The Helmet of Salvation (Body) Eph 6:17

1. Understanding: The helmet protects the brain, thus the body. The salvation package, which you have through Jesus, covers every aspect of your life. Wherever there is any attack of evil, Jesus has already provided for it.
2. The devil's lie: Jesus has saved you but this (trial, temptation, etc.) is going to result in your failure, death or destruction.
3. Your Word of Victory: In the Name of Jesus, I have God's Shalom peace. There is nothing missing and nothing broken in my life because Jesus paid the price for my full salvation.