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### **We're in a Battle!**

**Scripture:** John 10:10 - The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. Ephesians 6:10-18 – The Armor of God

The thief seeks to rob us of our joy, peace, truth, and eternal relationship with God. But Jesus offers spiritual rebirth and eternal life through faith in Him, shifting us from spiritual death to life. He's offering us a rich, overflowing spiritual life filled with internal peace, enduring joy, purpose, and close fellowship with Him.

Ephesians 6:10-18 is a call for action! The victory over the devil is accomplished only when we obediently put on the armor of God and come against him in the power of the Spirit. Paul gives us some vital principles for living a powerful and effective life in Christ Jesus during his imprisonment at Ephesus. He tells us that in order to win this battle we must put on the armor of God and fight until we win. We must not quit! Saints of God we must stand strong in the Lord by keeping our belief in the Lord Jesus and not falter in the face of the enemy during our tests and trials. **Our strength exists in God through the Holy Ghost.**

Peter tells us, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Be clear-minded and free from spiritual drowsiness or emotional cloudiness caused by worldly distractions. Be awake, watchful, and on guard against hidden dangers. Because Satan is looking for vulnerable, unprepared, or isolated children of God to overpower. **We are engaged in a spiritual battle—all God’s people find themselves subject to Satan’s attacks because they are no longer on Satan’s side.**

Every aspect of God’s armor is essential for us. It is not enough to put on some pieces while ignoring others. In such a case, **we can be sure our enemy will strike at precisely the place we are not protected.** We must use every piece of God’s armor to resist Satan’s attacks and to stand true to God in the midst of those attacks we must depend on God’s strength.

Faith is the only source of protection we have from the unknown darts of satanic attacks. The shield of faith is more than just a defensive weapon of belief in God, but Jesus taught us to use faith as an offensive weapon to move mountains or receive healing (Mark 11:23-24; Matthew 17:20). Paul instructed us to use our faith by rejecting the fiery darts and pressing forward into enemy territory.

Just because we have all of the defensive and offensive equipment does not assure us of a successful battle. That’s why Paul admonished us to “**pray always.**” It is necessary to continually stay in touch with the Commander in Chief, our Lord. **We must establish and maintain communication lines with Jesus Christ if we are to immobilize the enemy of our souls.** We must maintain a constant, alert, and Spirit-led prayer life as part of our spiritual defense. Also, it means to pray at all times using every type of prayer (praise, thanks, request, help, guidance, strength, etc.). Stay spiritual alert and do not give up; keep persistent focus.

Saints of God we need to realize that we are in a war. We are not engaged in a part-time war. As long as we live, we must fight. Satan uses a wide range of cunning arts, deceit, craft, and trickery. We can resist Satan, and he will flee if we have submitted first to God. But Satan does not want to give up, and he will use every opportunity to trip us up.

The weapons in Ephesians 6 are truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation, and the word of God. We should keep in mind that all of our spiritual weapons work only in conjunction with prayer. In this epistle we find some of the greatest wisdom for winning this war against the devil. Christ has given us heavenly armor. **If we will put it on and use it, it will help us to gain and maintain the victory in Jesus Christ.** We need to fight the good fight of faith through the power of Jesus Christ and the protection He has provided for us.

We need supernatural power to defeat Satan, and God has provided that in His Holy Spirit within us and His armor surrounding us. **If you feel discouraged, remember Jesus’ words to Peter:** “Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).