

| Armor   | Tactic   | Defense  |
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| <b>Truth</b><br><b>Eph. 6:14</b><br>Reality, what has happened, what is known   | Thoughts we do not know are true; thoughts that twist the truth or speculate as to what may be true about a person or situation. Thoughts we know are wrong.               | What is true and accurately reflects reality in your situation? Only think about what has happened, not what might be true about this situation and God.                                     |
| <b>Righteousness</b><br><b>Eph. 6:14</b><br>Thinking and doing what is right in God's eyes                                | Thoughts about others and God that are not right, of possible actions that you know are not right. Thoughts of acting independently from God.                              | What is the right thing to think and do in your present circumstance? What is the right thought/action, what does God require?   |
| <b>Readiness</b><br><b>Eph. 6:15</b><br>Being ready, prepared to do something for God                                     | Thoughts of discouragement, quitting, giving up on God, people, your hopes, your ministry, your life. Thoughts that distract and sidetrack from what we are doing for God. | Think about refusing to give up, being ready for action, to do something for God. Don't allow discouraging thoughts in your mind; think about your call and mission. Determine to serve God! |
| <b>Faith</b><br><b>Eph. 6:16</b><br>Godly conviction and determination in the face of uncertainty and the unknown         | Thoughts of doubt questioning God's love, character, faithfulness. Thoughts that we may have misunderstood what God said. Confusing thoughts about what to think or do.    | Think about trusting God, even though your mind is confused and it is hard to do so. Think about what is completely believable, believable evidence, proof, especially from God's Word.      |
| <b>Salvation Eph. 6:17</b><br>Knowing I am saved, not alone, of worth to God, delivered from the penalty and power of sin | Thoughts of unworthiness, thinking either we are worthless or that others think we are worthless, hopeless. Thoughts that we are alone with our problems.                  | Think about your worth to God as experienced in God saving and delivering you from the penalty and power of sin. Think about being the focus of God's love, you are not alone.               |
| <b>Sayings of God</b><br><b>Eph. 6:17</b><br>What God's Word says about my thoughts, feelings, situation                  | Thoughts that directly contradict and challenge what we know God has said and promised.  | Think about what God's Word says about your concerns and quote or read an applicable verse out loud. What does God say about your current situation?   |

# SPIRITUAL WARFARE

FIND OUT WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

## Part 2 Resist Satanic Attacks And Stand Firm

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# STAND FIRM



- The nature of our defense
  - Our approach is to be biblical. 2 Tim. 2:15
  - Our attitude is to be respectful. Jude 8-10
  - Our perspective is to be vigilant. 1 Peter 5:8
  - Our strategy is to resist. James 4:7
  - Our focus is to be mental - spiritual. Ephesians 4:12
  - Our goal is to stand firm. Ephesians 4:13
- The details of our defense  
Different Enemies – Different Attacks – Different Defenses

| Enemy | Attack                         | Defense   | Scripture                     |
|-------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Satan | Disguised thoughts             | Resist with the armor of God                    | Ephesians 6:10-17             |
| Flesh | Bad moods and bad desires      | Consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God! | Galatians 5:16-22             |
| World | Love me, like me, be my friend | Renew your mind                                 | 1 John 2:15-17, Romans 12:1-2 |

### 3. The steps in our defense against satanic attacks

- a. Submit to God. James 4:7
- b. Be strong in the Lord. Ephesians 6:10
- c. Put on the armor. Ephesians 6:10-17
- d. Pray for the saints. Ephesians 6:18

### 4. The means of our defense: Put on the armor!

- a. Putting on the armor of God is putting on thoughts. Acts 5:3; 1 Chronicles 21:1; Ephesians 6:14-17
- b. Putting on the armor is thinking and acting like God. Isaiah 11:5; 59:17
- c. Putting on the armor is our responsibility. Eph. 6:10-17
  - i. We are commanded to take an action.
  - ii. Each piece of armor requires a personal action.
- d. The armor is general, how you use it is specific to the attack. Matthew 4:1-11

### 5. A demonstration of our defense: Jesus resisting Satan

- a. He resisted each attack.
- b. He spoke truth to resist the lie of each attack.
- c. He said what the right thing was to do as He resisted the unrighteous act suggested by Satan.
- d. He didn't give up, he kept resisting.
- e. He trusted God as He resisted.
- f. He depended upon God as He resisted.
- g. He spoke the Word of God as He resisted.



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