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Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints ¹⁹and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Wiles

- cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery (Strongs)
- devious or cunning stratagems employed in manipulating or persuading someone to do what one wants. (Oxford)
- Stratagem: a plan or scheme, especially one used to outwit an opponent or achieve an end.

Stand therefore

Ephesians 6:11-14

¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil...
¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore...

Ephesians 4:11-15

¹¹And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ...

1: Belt of truth

¹⁴...having girded your waist with truth...

a: Know the truth

1 Timothy 2:3-4

³For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 3:15

¹⁵but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

b: Speak the truth

Ephesians 4:29

²⁹Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

2: Breastplate of righteousness

¹⁴...having put on the breastplate of righteousness...

Isaiah 64:6

⁶But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Romans 6:13

¹³And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

2 Timothy 3:16

¹⁶All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...

3: Shoes of preparation of the gospel of peace

¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace...

Romans 10:15

¹⁵And how shall they preach unless they are sentfully armed As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

2 Timothy 4:5

⁵But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

4: Shield of faith

¹⁶above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

1 John 5:4

⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith.

5: Helmet of salvation

¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation...

Romans 8:16-17

¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

1 Pet 1:6-9

⁶In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls.

6: Sword of the spirit

¹⁷...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...

Matthew 4:3-10

³Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴But He answered and said, "It is written..." ⁷Jesus said to him, "It is written again, ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written..."

Not forgetting prayer

¹⁸...praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints...

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Ephesians 6:10-20 (Message)

¹⁰And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. ¹¹So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. ¹²This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels. ¹³Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. ¹⁴Truth, righteousness, ¹⁵peace, ¹⁶faith, ¹⁷and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon. ¹⁸In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out. ¹⁹And don't forget to pray for me. Pray that I'll know what to say and have the courage to say it at the right time, telling the mystery to one and all, the Message that I, ²⁰jailbird preacher that I am, am responsible for getting out.