

How would you begin your battle if you already knew how it would end?

"Victorious warriors win first and then go to war, while defeated warriors go to war first and then seek to win."

SUN TZU, THE ART OF WAR

MAIN POINT

Being empowered by the Holy Spirit means victory doesn't need to be attained; it ensures it to be sustained.



EPHESIANS 2

We've Been Rescued & Revived

EPHESIANS 3

Everyone Can Be Included Regardless of Background

EPHESIANS 4

Unity Through Diversity & Living as Children of Light



"Our life always expresses the results of our dominant thoughts."

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."

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EPHESIANS 6:11

"Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

PUTTING ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

continually and repeatedly putting on

"TAKE YOUR STAND"

hold the ground you've gained

EPHESIANS 6:12

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." "There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve their existence. The other is to believe and feel an unhealthy interest in them. They themselves (demons) are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight."

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EPHESIANS 6:13

"Therefore (you) put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."

The sense is to consciously, vigorously make a decisive act, or, at times, a succession of acts, to stand your ground firmly and fearlessly against the enemy's assaults, as he seeks to deceive, accuse, and discourage.

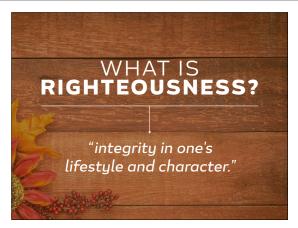
> EPHESIANS 6:14 "Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist..."



"TRUTH"

Here it refers to the practical application of openness and honesty in all things with God and men.

"...with the breastplate of righteousness in place..."



FPHFSIANS 6:15 "and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace."

2 CORINTHIANS 11:3-4

"But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough."

Victory doesn't need to be attained; the Spirit ensures it's sustained.

EPHESIANS 6:16 "In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." This is not saving faith; it's sustaining faith.

TAKING UP THE SHIELD

making an active, present, application of the truth to your personal situation as soon as you recognize a dart has been received.

FPHESIANS 6:17

"Take the helmet of salvation..."

"Receive the certainty of deliverance from sin, and the protection of our minds in the battle."

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

RHEMA

the spoken word, or words given to us by the Spirit, quoted and applied to the specific lie or deception that comes to you.



EPHESIANS 6:18 "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."







"If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle."

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For those who belong to Jesus and are empowered by the Holy Spirit, victory doesn't need to be attained. **It needs to be sustained**.

