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ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?

Ephesians 6:10-13

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might.

¹¹ Put on the <u>full armor of God</u>, that you may be able to <u>stand firm against</u> the schemes of the devil. ¹² For <u>our struggle</u> is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore, take up the <u>full armor of God</u>, that you may be able <u>to resist</u> in the evil day, and having done everything, to <u>stand firm</u>.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not <u>war</u> according to the flesh,

⁴ for <u>the weapons of our warfare are not of the</u> <u>flesh</u>, <u>but divinely powerful</u> for the destruction of <u>fortresses</u>.

⁵ We are <u>destroying speculations</u> and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are <u>taking every thought captive</u> to the obedience of Christ,

Psalm 91:3 For it is He who delivers you from the <u>snare of the</u> <u>trapper</u>, And from the <u>deadly pestilence</u>.

Isaiah 54:17 "No <u>weapon</u> that is <u>formed against you</u> shall prosper...

John 10:10 "The thief comes only <u>to steal, and kill, and destroy;</u> I came that they might have life, and might have *it* abundantly.

2 Timothy 2:3 *Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.*

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The devil and his cohorts are forming weapons against you.

How to Fight the Good Fight We are involved in a spiritual battle, not a battle with people. Our enemy is spiritual wickedness, not a person.

We must fight in the spiritual realm not in the physical.

This does not mean we do not speak out against deception and sin. Sin must be confronted, but we must fight against what is behind the sin, spiritual wickedness.

Know Your Authority

Luke 10:19 "Behold, I have <u>given you **authority**</u> to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you.

Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; And <u>every tongue that accuses you in</u> judgment **you will condemn**. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their vindication is from Me," declares the LORD.

Know Your Authority

1 John 4:4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

James 4:7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

As followers of Jesus Christ we have been given authority over spiritual wickedness.







