Spiritual Warfare

Preparation before Going to Battle

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Ephesians 6:10-12

- ¹⁰ Finally, <u>be strong in the Lord</u> and in the strength of His might.
- 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.
- 12 For our struggle 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.

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Ephesians 6:13

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

What is Before Finally? verses 1-9

Ephesians 6:10 **Finally**, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

- Children obey parents
- Fathers don't provoke children but discipline them
- Slaves/workers obey employers as slaves of Christ
- Masters/Employers manage as slaves of Christ

Be Strong in the Lord

Ephesians 6:10

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

Before we go to battle we need to care of everything beforehand and then:

- We are commanded to be strong
- Our strength is to come from God
- God will give us strength

Put on the Full Armor

Ephesians 6:11

Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

- We are commanded to put on the full armor of God
- Put on the armor so we can stand firm
- Stand firm against the schemes of the devil

It is a Spiritual Battle

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle 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.

- Against Rulers, Powers, World Forces of Darkness, Spiritual Forces of Wickedness
- Where are these forces? Heavenly Places

Resist and Stand Firm

Ephesians 6:13

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

- Reminder again to put on the full armor of God.
- Resist in the evil day
- Having Done Everything
- Stand Firm

Spiritual Battle, Not Battle with People

We are involved in a spiritual battle, not a battle with people. Our enemy is spiritual wickedness, not a person.

We must <u>fight in the spiritual realm</u> not in the physical.

Do Not War in the Flesh

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,
- ⁴ for the <u>weapons</u> of our warfare are not of the flesh, but <u>divinely powerful</u> for the destruction of fortresses.
- We are <u>destroying speculations</u> and <u>every lofty thing</u> raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are <u>taking every</u> thought **captive** to the obedience of Christ,



