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The Armor of God illustrates the **spiritual character and qualities we must “put on” and live out as our defense against the enemy. (Read Ephesians 6:10-18)**

1. **The belt of TRUTH.** *Through spiritual discernment we see reality clearly, enabling us to respond correctly with the appropriate Scriptures (Numbers 13:33; Matthew 4:1-11).*
 - (Greek) Aletheia: The unveiled reality lying at the basis of and agreeing with an appearance. (John 8:31)
 - **Point:** A key in winning the spiritual battle is to have a true understanding of reality, what is *really* taking place. The 10 spies in Numbers 13, saw the giants as larger than God, and said, “We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”
 - As well, in confusion, we may fight battles where the enemy is not at work while ignoring the very areas where he is active. (2 Chronicles 20:22-23; Luke 22:49-51).
2. **The breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS.** *Satan has authority over a life which is filled with or “large or small” sin and not submitted to God. (Psalm 51; James 4:7)*
 - (Greek) Diakaios: This word means to conform to God’s righteousness and fulfilling His righteous demands, in contrast to the lawless pattern of this world. It is obedience to God’s Word and to His ways, doing right out of a right heart. (1 Samuel 15:22-23; Song 2:15; Psalm 19:13-14; John 14:30)
 - **Point:** Through discernment and obedience we can close *every door and entry point* of our heart to the devil. Proverbs 4:23 *Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*
 - The warrior’s character and right behavior growing from a right heart is a great defense against our enemy, the devil.
3. **Footwear of READINESS.** *Spiritual readiness is to be watchful and courageous so that we can respond correctly when the battle comes.*
 - (Greek) Hetoimasia: Preparation, adjusted, to be ready (Matthew 25:13; Mark 14:32-42; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:6; 2 Timothy 2:21; Revelation 16:15)
 - Although Jesus clearly warned Peter that he would deny Him and that Satan desired to sift them, he was still unprepared when the battle came. When the betrayal unfolded, Peter violently reacted by cutting off the servant’s ear... then Jesus corrected by healing the man.

- Because Peter was asleep and not ready to stand against what was about to take place (the soldiers coming to arrest Jesus just before the crucifixion), he not only reacted against the soldiers but did not have the power to stand with Jesus that night. The result was that he denied the Lord and fell away. (Matthew 26:69-75)
 - **Point:** Being ready means always being alert, watchful, courageous, and strong through a living, intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father.
 - 1 Corinthians 16:13–14. *Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.*
- 4. The shield of FAITH.** *Believing God's Word over the enemy's lies enables us to stand firm and extinguish every attack.*
- (Greek) Pistis: To be persuaded in belief and in action, choosing to believe God and His word in the face of conflicting reality. (2 Chronicles 20:20-24; Hebrews 11:1-2, 6, 32-40)
 - **Point:** Satan's arrows are his lies, deceptions, and perversions of reality. True faith is active and powerful (James 2:17-26) and in the power of the Spirit, stands firm in the battle.
 - Struggling to believe is not always a sign of rebellion or a missed calling. Where the struggle is accepted is often the place where our calling is forged.
- 5. The helmet of SALVATION.** *Confidence in our salvation (Christ's finished work) guards our minds against the enemy's lies and gives us the assurance of victory.*
- (Greek) Soterion: The confident and anticipative hope of salvation, past, present and future. (1 Thessalonians 5:8-9)
 - **Point:** The helmet protected the soldier **and** provided a striking symbol of military victory. We CAN block out the lies of the enemy, place our focus on God's Word, and win the battle.
 - Salvation is our hope through the power of the blood (Revelation 12:11).
- 6. The sword of the Spirit, GOD'S WORD.** *Knowing and accurately declaring God's Word gives us a powerful spiritual weapon to confront and defeat the enemy.*
- (Greek) Rhema: The subject matter of the Word, the personal revelation of the Logos, the Word of God. (Matthew 4:1-11; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 4:12)
 - **Point:** The battle is spiritual and must be fought in God's strength, with God's Word. Jesus used God's Word accurately against the enemy as He was being tested in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11).
 - When God's Word is used with personal understanding and genuineness, we have a weapon Satan cannot stand against!
- 7. Ephesians 6:18** *And (now) pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*

Romans 13:12 *The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.
So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.*

7. Summary

- Truth | See the battle clearly from God's perspective.
- Righteousness | Close every door to the enemy into our hearts .
- Readiness | Be prepared to stand when the battle comes.
- Faith | Believe God over the enemy's lies.
- Salvation | Guard your mind with confident victory.
- God's Word | Confront the enemy with the Rhema Word of God.

8. Putting it into practice.

- A. **Abide in Him** and ask Him to make the six characteristics of His armor a reality in your life. John 15:7 *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*
- B. James 4:7–8 **Submit to God.** *Resist the devil, and he WILL flee from you!*
- C. Ephesians 6:18 ... **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 saints.*
- D. In Luke 10:19, Jesus tells His disciples to **walk in authority** that has been delegated to them by the Father.