

# Weapons of Our Warfare

11-6-24

Eph. 6:10-14

## I. His Strength, His Armor

### A. Finally = from henceforth or from now on

1. From here on out we must be strong in the Lord because there is all out ware and there is no turning back. No cease fire, no temporary truce, no surrender.
2. All of us acknowledge that we are in a war but few of us live that way.

### B. Put it on!

1. The Whole Armor.

### C. This is completely up to you. There are way too many christians running around without God's armor.

1. Romans 13:12
  - a) Make the trade!
2. We can either learn to operate in God's armor and strength or we can choose to be overcome by darkness.
  - a) Our own strength is worthless against evil because its already swayed to do evil.  
(1) John 6:63 - "It is the spirit that quickened; the flesh profited nothing..."
  - b) By continuing to fight in our own strength, we are dismissing God's strength in our lives.

## II. Stand

### A. The purpose in putting on the whole armor is to enable us to stand against the enemy.

### B. Stand = Histemi - abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant

1. Matt. 12:25-26 - A kingdom that "stands" is one that outlasts difficulties.
2. Anything that stands the test of time must be well founded. Buildings, businesses, Legacies, products, movements, Governments, etc.
3. What are you doing and why are you doing it?
  - a) A business that does not have a clear vision and purpose is less likely to stand the test of time because it will be less consistent and less unique. It will constantly be influenced by new trends instead of creating it's own trends.
4. Instability
  - a) Lacking steadiness, liable to change, lack of control
  - b) James 1:5-8  
(1) If the foundation shifts, the whole building shifts.

### C. Wiles = Methodeia - scheming, craftiness, trickery, lie in wait

1. Eph. 4:14
2. If the enemy is intentional enough to scheme and plot against us, how much more so should we be intentional about resisting those schemes and plots.
  - a) We need to establish ourselves so that we are not easily swayed.  
(1) We need wisdom and insight for this and a strong moral compass.

### III. The Real Problem

#### A. Wrestle = Pale - struggle, wrestle

##### 1. Refers to hand-to-hand combat.

- a) There's no nuclear bombs or explosive missiles in this war that will destroy huge masses of evil forces. Our battling is done on an individual basis. Every single one of us doing our part to wrestle the evil of this world. All of us doing our part to stand our ground.

##### 2. Good verses evil

- a) The occurrences of good or evil in this world is dependent upon what takes place in the hearts and minds of people.
- b) Good or evil can only prevail in the earth through the vessel of people.
  - (1) God gave people authority over the earth (Genesis 1:28), and we decide whether we release Good or evil into the world.

#### B. Principalities = arch - Beginning, ruler, chief, corner, magistrate

##### 1. Chief rulers

#### C. Powers = exousia - authority, power, ability, force, capacity

##### 1. Authorities

#### D. Rulers - world rulers

#### E. Spiritual wickedness - Wicked spiritual beings.

Eph. 1:20-23

- They're already under us!