

WALKING WITH JESUS IN THE ARMOR OF GOD

“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” Ephesians 6:11

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1. CHRIST IS OUR CENTER. Galatians 2:20
 - "I no longer live but Christ lives in me."
2. LOVE IS OUR BOND. Philippians 3:14
 - "Put on love which bind them all together in perfect unity."
3. GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION. Mark 16:15
 - "Go into all the World and preach the gospel to all creation."

We are Christ centre motivated by love to preach the Gospel to all creation.

OUR STRUCTURE

1. TEACH THE WORD. 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17
2. TEACH TO PRAY. LUKE 11:1
3. TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND OUR
NIEGHBORS. MARK 12:30-31
4. TEACH TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES.
MATTHEW 28:19-20

WE GROW BY THE WORD OF GOD, HAVE POWER
THROUGH PRAYER, LEARN TO LOVE GOD BY
LOVING HIS PEOPLE, AND GO TO MAKE
DISCIPLES.

THIS IS THE
SERIES WE
HAVE FOR
THE SWORD
OF THE SPIRIT

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| 1. THE NATURE OF THE SWORD. | EPHESIANS 6:17 |
| 2. SHARPENING THE SWORD | HEBREWS 5:11-14 |
| 3. THE AUTHORITY OF THE SWORD. | HEBREWS 4:12 |
| 4. THE POWER OF THE SWORD. | PSALMS 119 |
| 5. GOD'S SWORD NEVER FAILS. | ISAIAH 55:11 |
| 6. HOW TO USE THE SWORD. | 2TIMOTHY 2:15 |

HOW TO USE THE SWORD

- 2 Timothy 2:”¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. ”

INTRODUCTION

- Apostle Paul wrote 2 Timothy to Timothy, his younger coworker in the ministry. Paul wrote this letter during a difficult period near the end of his life. He was encouraging Timothy to remain faithful to Christ, the Gospel, and sound teaching even when false teaching and opposition were present. Paul tells Timothy to warn believers , not to quarrel about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.

INTRODUCTION

- Then verse 15 gives Timothy the positive instruction: instead of getting caught up in useless arguments, become a worker who faithfully handles God's truth.
- HOW TO USE THE SWORD, OR HOW TO USE THE WORD OF GOD?

I. DO YOUR BEST

Be diligent:

- It requires, time, prayers, careful study, meditations, understanding the context, and obedience.
- The Bible should not be approached carelessly.
- IF GOD'S WORD IS IMPORTANT, WE SHOULD GIVE IT OUR BEST ATTENTION.

II. TO PRESENT YOURSELF TO GOD

Our ultimate audience is God.

- Paul doesn't say present yourself to people.
- He says to present himself to God.
- The question the we must ask, "Am I approved by God?"
- LORD AM I SEEKING TO PLEASE YOU OR
SIMPLY TO IMPRESS PEOPLE?

III. AS ONE APPROVED

Seek God's approval, not the people.

- Something that has been tested and found genuine.
- Paul wants Timothy to be trustworthy servant whose teaching can withstand examination.
- Don't seek merely to sound Biblical.
- SEEK TO BE FAITHFUL TO WHAT SCRIPTURE ACTUALLY TEACHES AS GOD APPROVED.

IV. A WORKER WHO DOES NOT NEED TO BE ASHAMED

WORK FAITHFULLY.

- Paul tells Timothy that handling God's Word requires hard work.

We should ask:

- What does the passage actually say?
- Who was speaking?
- Who was listening?
- What was happening?

IV. A WORKER WHO DOES NOT NEED TO BE ASHAMED

- What did the passage mean in its original context?
 - How does it fit with the rest of the Scripture?
 - How should we apply it today?
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- A CARELESS INTERPRETATION CAN LEAD PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE TRUTH.

V. RIGHTLY HANDLING THE WORD OF TRUTH

God's Word should not be twisted, distorted, or mishandled. We should not:

- Take verses out of context.
- Make Scripture say what we want to say.
- Add our own ideas and call them God's Word.
- Ignore passages that challenge us.
- Build doctrine on isolated verses.
- Use Scripture merely to win arguments.

V. RIGHTLY HANDLING THE WORD OF TRUTH

We should:

- Read the surrounding context.
- Understand the passage accurately.
- Compare scripture with scripture.
- Pay attention to the original audience and purpose.
- Apply the truth faithfully.

CONCLUSION

- THE BIBLE IS NOT A WEAPON TO USE CARELESSLY AGAINST PEOPLE; IT IS THE TRUTH OF GOD THAT WE MUST FIRST UNDERSTAND, OBEY, AND THEN FAITHFULLY USE.

CONCLUSION

- I. STUDY THE WORD CAREFULLY.
- II. LIVE THE WORD FAITHFULLY.
- III. HANDLE THE WORD ACCURATELY.
- VI. TEACH THE WORD FAITHFULLY.

HOW TO USE THE SWORD OR THE WORD

2 Timothy 2:15

- Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Amen....