

Spiritual Warfare Series
“Preparing for Battle”

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Ephesians 6.10-14

When preparing for battle, the apostle Paul tells us to remember these things:

1. Strength for victory comes from God, not us.
2. The enemy is spiritual, not physical.
3. The devil has a strategy to defeat you.
4. For each weapon/scheme in the devil’s arsenal, God provides a piece of armor!

So beginning today, let’s look at 4 of the most-used weapons in his arsenal and discover how to defend against them.....

The devil’s Arsenal: Deception

The disciple’s Armor: Belt of truth

Breastplate of Righteousness

The Deception Illustrated: Genesis 3: 1-7

The devil tempted Eve to doubt two things:

- a. The truthfulness of God.
- b. The goodness of God.

Conclusion: We are in a spiritual war!

And the biggest battle is over TRUTH!

If you don’t believe in Jesus, the battle is for your soul.

If you do believe in Jesus, the battle is for your service.

Memory Verse

Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Genesis 2:7

Greg Babst: Praise God for His many blessings! We glorify You for the gift of our mothers! We also thank you for sustaining us to see our oldest son graduate high school.

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Donna Foreman: Please pray for my Aunt Carol Dittmann who has dementia. Healing and better living conditions. Also for Uncle Gus, both need salvation.

Jennifer Novotny: Our city & country-return to God. Upcoming elections. Ranid, Dennis, Brian-battling cancer. Nondo-transplant list. Unsaved family & friends.

Suzie Nungesser: Deb, Linda & Dave Hippen, Dawnett Mackovicka-cancer. Steve-health issues. Duane Thomas-personal issues. Family & friends to grow in Christ/find salvation.

Carolyn Potts: Salvation for family. Prayers for Galen Schweitzer, Karen Boss, Linda & Ross Lowther. Pray Jordon is able to stay with family that currently has custody of him.

Jamie Rye: I am in need of a job, would love to find a reception job in a business setting that would allow time on Wednesday evenings & Sunday morning to serve in kids/youth.

Chuck Thiele: For kids & grandkids. I hurt my shoulder working on the farm. For my housing situation for myself & two sons & their families. Wisdom for what God wants me to do with my life.

Sandra Weaver: Friend Margie for safe travel for heart procedure & that her doctor will figure out her balance issues. Continued prayer for my children & families that they see their need to follow Jesus.

Jeanne Weisser: Arlan-treatment stops the cancer. Upcoming elections & our country. Ken, Cindy, Ryan & Jorgia-healing. Complete care for Sam, Sydney & family.