

FIGHTING WORDS

1 Timothy 6:12, Ephesians 6:10-20

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1 Timothy 6:12

- **What (who) NOT to fight**

Our battle is not against other people

Ephesians 6:12 ***For our struggle is not against flesh and blood...***

- **What (who) TO fight**

Ephesians 6:11 ***...the devil's schemes***

Ephesians 6:12b ***...but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.***

- **How to Fight** Ephesians 6

Vs 10 ***...be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.***

Vs 13 ***...stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.***

Vs 14 ***Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,***

Vs 16 ***...take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.***

Vs 17 ***Take the helmet of salvation...***

Vs 17b ***...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God***

Vs 18-20 ***And 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 Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.***

- What to let go of

- What to HOLD onto

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Why “**FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT**”, why “**HOLD ONTO...**”?

Some things have temporary value that is lost in eternity. Some things have no value now or later. Some things have value now and for eternity.

- Why “**...fight the good fight**”?

Not to win arguments or conflicts that only have earthly benefits. We ‘...fight the good fight...” to win the lost to Christ!

Ephesians 6:15 *...and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.*