

The Full Armor of God

Part 1—Truth, Your Protection in Warfare

- The reality is: God's Word is _____, it is divinely inspired by _____, _____ in its original form, totally _____, and a _____ for how you live your life

1. Your _____ and _____ as a Follower of Jesus.

- Before salvation, you were dead in _____, following the _____, _____, and the lusts of the _____

Ephesians 2:1-3—¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. (NIV)

- Upon being saved, you were _____ to a new position “in Christ,” _____ with Him

Ephesians 2:4-6—⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

- Three persistent enemies:

- The _____—_____

Romans 12:2—²Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. (NLT)

- The _____—_____

Genesis 3:4—⁴“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. (NIV)

John 8:44b—⁴⁴. . . He was a murderer from the beginning and a hater of truth—there is not an iota of truth in him. When he lies, it is perfectly normal; for he is the father of liars. (TLB)

- The _____—_____

2 Peter 2:18—¹⁸[The devil offers] empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, they entice people . . . to live in error. (NIV)

2. You Must _____ the Centrality of Truth to Use the Armor of God.

Ephesians 6:11-13—¹¹Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹²For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. (NLT)

Ephesians 6:14a—¹⁴Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth . . . (NLT)

- The belt _____ all the other pieces together, which is why a _____ in God's Word is absolutely _____ for victory

John 17:17—¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. (NASB1995)

- The divine _____ of God's Word: The _____ of God

2 Peter 1:20-21—²⁰But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. (NASB1995)

- The divine _____ of God's Word: An _____ Word

Matthew 5:18—¹⁸For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. (NASB1995)

- The divine _____: _____ in all it affirms

3. The Four Steps to Putting on the Belt of Truth.

- Four steps:
 - Be _____
 - _____ it
 - _____ in it
 - _____ the truth

Ephesians 4:25—²⁵So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. (NLT)

4. _____ in the Truth.

John 14:6—⁶Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. (NLT)

John 14:16-17—¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. (NLT)

1 John 1:5-7—⁵This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. ⁶So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. ⁷But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. (NLT)

1 John 1:9—⁹But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. (NLT)

Action Steps. . .

- Put on the Belt of Truth
- Live in truth