

Ephesians 6:14-18

¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ 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 saints.



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A FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE

- As a Christian, the difference between your old life and your new life is now you have divine **RESOURCES** for the fight.
- A Christian stands on the **DOCTRINE** of the Word of God.

THE WORD OF GOD

- Before you can take God's word and use it **EXTERNALLY**, objectively, you have to accept it and trust it **INTERNALLY**, subjectively.
- Until you've decided stand on God's word as entirely **TRUSTWORTHY**, you won't experience all the **BENEFITS** of the armor.
- True freedom is not the **ABSENCE** of any boundaries; it is the **PRESENCE** of the **RIGHT** boundaries.

USING THE SWORD

- The sword of the Spirit is the one piece of the armor that's **OFFENSIVE**. Everything else is **DEFENSIVE**.
- We need to grow to wield the sword **INTELLECTUALLY**.
- We need to grow to wield the sword **PRACTICALLY**, in wisdom.
- The way you learn to wield the sword intellectually, and practically, is through a **VARIETY** of inputs.
- The Spirit of God does not work in your life **APART** from the **WORD** of God.



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GROWTH GROUP DIGGING DEEPER QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, **was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, inspired or confused you?**

DIGGING DEEPER

2. As a refresher on the core text, [Read Ephesians 6:14-18](#). Considering the "sword of the Spirit," **why do you think that piece of the armor is the only *offensive* weapon?**

3. Consider your own journey to trust God, by trusting in His Word. **What were some things about the Bible you had difficulty trusting at one point, and how has God changed your mind and heart to trust him?**

GETTING PERSONAL

4. [Read Matthew 5:17-20](#)
How would you describe Jesus' attitude toward the Bible, and do you share it?

5. **What have been the most helpful ways for you to get God's Word into you?**

6. **In what area of your life do you most need to use the Sword of the Spirit, and why?**

BRINGING IT HOME

7. **Which piece of the Armor of God has been the most important for you to learn about, and why?**

8. **In light of that, what is one way you'd like to take action based on this week's sermon?**

Or...

What is one thing the Holy Spirit is leading you to do?

PRAY TOGETHER