



## An Armored Stance

*Ephesians 6:13*

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ to Wear Armor

This is non-optional attire for the Christian who wants to remain standing firm in Christ. Against all the schemes of the enemy and facing all the opponents hostile to Christ, without obedience to this command, the believer is defenseless.

*But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. ~ Romans 13:14*

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Our World

The church is set upon by the world as a storm sets upon the rocky shoals. The charge for the church is to withstand the tidal forces of evil that crash against us, facing the condition of the world with the strength of the grace of Christ.

*Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. ~ 2 Timothy 3:8*

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Willing Effort

Our consistency may be up and down, but our effort must be constant. In the midst of evil days, with the flourishing wickedness growing around us, the Christian must set their heart to do all they can in order to stand firm in Christ.

*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ~ James 1:2-3*

**1 Peter 5:12**

**By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.**



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**Additional Scripture References**  
*(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)*

### **Luke 11:22**

*"...but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil."*

### **Colossians 3:10**

*...and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.*

### **Matthew 16:24**

*Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

### **2 Timothy 3:1**

*But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.*

### **2 Peter 3:3**

*...knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.*

### **John 3:19**

*And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.*

### **1 John 5:19**

*We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.*

### **Romans 5:3**

*Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance.*

### **Hebrews 3:14**

*For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.*