

Battling for God's Blessings**Ephesians 6:10-20****Timeline of the Apostle Paul**

33 AD	Death & Resurrection of Jesus
34-35 AD	Conversion of Saul of Tarsus
46-47 AD	1st Missionary Journey
49-51 AD	2nd Missionary Journey
52-57 AD	3rd Missionary Journey
62 AD	Letter to Ephesus from Rome
64-65 AD	Death of Paul in Rome

Who you are...**How you live...****Who you face...**

Ephesians 1:3 (ESV) — Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places

Ephesians 6:12 (ESV) — For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

You have Blessings to Embrace!

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The Lord has blessed you with...

... a rich inheritance	Eph. 1:18-19	... imitating God	Eph. 5:1
... great authority	Eph. 2:6	... being the light of God	Eph. 5:8
... a God-sized calling	Eph. 2:10	... being Spirit-filled	Eph. 5:18
... being in His family	Eph. 2:19	... a Christ-centered marriage	Eph. 5:33
... knowing His love	Eph. 3:19	... being godly children	Eph. 6:1-3
... spiritual leaders	Eph. 4:11-13	... being godly parents	Eph. 6:4
... a renewed mind	Eph. 4:22-24	... a godly work-ethic	Eph. 6:5-6

You have Enemies to Engage

Ephesians 6:10–14a (ESV) — Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore...

- **Be strong... in the Lord**
- **Put on... the whole armor of God**

- **Take up... the whole armor of God**
- **Stand therefore...**

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“To engage in intense struggle, involving physical or nonphysical force against strong opposition”

1. Surrender to the Lord’s strength

Ephesians 6:10 (ESV) — Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

2. Suit up for battle daily

Ephesians 6:11 (ESV) — Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

**“If I will do today what others won’t,
I will do tomorrow what others can’t.”**

3. Step out and be battle ready

Ephesians 6:13 (ESV) — Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day

4. Stand firm in every battle

Ephesians 6:13b-17 (ESV) — ...and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

5. Stay alert through the battle to the end

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV) — Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints