Standing Strong



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(Ephesians 6:10-20) 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.

(Hebrews 5:11-14) About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

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(2 Cor. 10:3–6) For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

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•	Belt of truth
	(John 1:14) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
•	Breastplate of righteousness
	(Psalm 119:172 NASB) For all Your commandments are righteousness.

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•	Shoes of the gospel of peace - share the
	(Mark 16:15) Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.
•	Shield of faith - community with other
	(Jude 1:17-23 NLT) But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and awai the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love.
•	Helmet of salvation
	(Romans 12:2) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
•	Sword of the Spirit
	(Hebrews 4:12) For the word of God is living and active, sharper that any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, o joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
•	Prayer - Strengthened by the
	(Ephesians 6:18-19) 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 (to) boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel
	I will evaluate my response to
	(John 8:31-32) Jesus said If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.
	I will stay
	(Matthew 5:13-16) You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

^{**}All Scripture is ESV unless otherwise noted.