

- I. "A final word": This is our summary statement.
 - In 3:16, "I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit."
 - Chapter I- Riches of every spiritual blessing 2.
 - Chapter 2- Reason is we were dead in sin 3.
 - 4. Chapter 3- Revealed our salvation as saints

"But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world." (I John 4:4) We battle not **FOR** victory but **FROM** victory!

BATTLE PLANS

(With Love + Light) Be filled with the Spirit (5:18)

- In Worship (5:19)
- In Thanksgiving (5:20)
- In Submission (5:21)
- And finally with the sword of the Spirit (6:17,18)

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- risk open war"
- Aragorn: "Open war is upon us, whether you would risk it or not."

• In <u>The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers</u> King Theoden of Rohan has come under a spell of fear. Gandalf, Legolas, Gimli, and Aragorn visit him to convince him to engage in the impending battle outside the castle walls.

• King Theoden of Rohan: "I know what you are asking of me. And I will not

- had the resources but lacked the courage.
- stand firm against all strategies of the devil." War is upon us... so be strong in the Lord's mighty power.

• Gandalf and Aragorn's plea is: "Ride out and meet him head on." The king

• Our Lord calls us to a similar plan in our battle: "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to

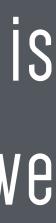


The Greek word here is "Endunamoo" and is a root to our English word 'dynamite'. It means inherent power from the nature of the thing itself. It is either a passive = 'allow the Lord to strengthen you', or a middle voice = 'strengthen yourself in the Lord', but it is clearly a command. It is clear that believers are to get their power which is inherent in the Lord!

Here we find two essential ingredients to our battle

- Be strong in the Lord Ι.
- Put on the full armor of God 2
- put on the full armor.

• The first comes before the second, for even a weak person in full armor is ineffective in battle. Basic training in Christian strength is needed before we



- will strengthen me day to day in the Lord?
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 - (6:|7,|8)



How do I first get strong as a follower of Jesus in the battle? What activities

Turn on the light of a daily walk in these five: LOVE (5:2), LIGHT (5:14-18), WORSHIP (5:19), THANKSGIVING (5:20), & SUBMISSION to the Lord (5:21)

Then daily learn how to wield these weapons: The Word of God and Prayer

Here are 7 declarations for daily strength

- I am loved by God and empowered to sacrifice my life to love another today. .
- I seek the light of a sober mind and careful walk with the Lord today. 2.
- I worship the Living God and Him alone. I sing a song of praise to Him today. 3.
- I guard my heart with gratitude and drive out dissatisfaction by giving thanks to Him today. 4.
- I submit myself to the Lord and His will for my life today. He calls me to mutual ე. submission and key roles to fulfill in Him today.
- I will seek to know and do what God's Word tells me to do today.
- 7. I will pray at all times for my own strength and for others today.

