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- ▶ 5 We are destroying sophisticated arguments and every exalted and proud thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought and purpose captive to the obedience of Christ,
- ▶ 6 being ready to punish every act of disobedience, when your own obedience [as a church] is complete.

Paul's letter address

- ▶ Reconciliation
- ▶ Generosity in giving
- ▶ He defends his Apostleship

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I'M A KINGDOM
WARRIOR WITH WEAPONS

Fair Fighting Rules

- ▶ No degrading language.
- ▶ Discuss the issue, not the person.
- ▶ No put-downs,
- ▶ swearing, or
- ▶ name-calling.
- ▶ Degrading language is an attempt to express negative feelings while making sure your partner feels just as bad. This will just lead to more character attacks while the original issue is forgotten.

Ephesians 6:12-13 AMP

- ▶ 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places.
- ▶ 13 Therefore, put on the complete **armor of God**, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist and stand your ground in the evil day [of danger],

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 AMP

- ▶ 4 The weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood]. Our weapons are **divinely powerful** for the destruction of fortresses. (a place of defense and protection against large scale attacks.)
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ARMOR & WEAPONS

ARMOR

Ephesians 6:13-17

- ▶ **Your Stance-Stand firm and hold your ground**
- ▶ **I Corinthians 15:58**
- ▶ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
- ▶ **Band of truth**
- ▶ **Psalms 86:11**
- ▶ 11 Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name
- ▶ **Breastplate of righteousness(an upright heart)**
- ▶ **Psalm 15:2**
- ▶ He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart

- ▶ **Strapped feet with Peace** (firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news)
- ▶ **1 Peter 3:15**
- ▶ 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,
- ▶ **Shield of Faith** (Above all)
- ▶ **Hebrews 11:6**
- ▶ But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
- ▶ **Helmet of Salvation** (hope of our salvation)
- ▶ **Romans 5:1-2**
- ▶ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we[b] boast in the hope of the glory of God

WEAPONS


- ▶ **Sword of the Spirit** (Word of God) Weapon
- ▶ **Hebrews 4:12**
- ▶ For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- ▶ **Prayer**-Infuses the rest of our armor with power needed to fight the enemy.
- ▶ **Ephesians 6:18**
- ▶ 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 Lord's people.
- ▶ **Worship**-Shifts your focus and your mindset. When we begin to remember who God is in the midst of the darkness. Worship reminds us of what God can do,
- ▶ **Deuteronomy 10:21**
- ▶ 21 He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.

▶ **The Name of Jesus-** Power to overcome the powers of darkness.

- ▶ Philippians 2:9-11
- ▶ -Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place
- ▶ and gave him the name that is above every name,
- ▶ 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
- ▶ in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- ▶ 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
- ▶ to the glory of God, the Father.

▶ **Fasting-** A time to turn down our plate as we humble ourselves before God and seek his face. Fasting helps us hear from God.

- ▶ Isaiah 58:6-7
- ▶ 6 “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
- ▶ to loose the chains of injustice
- ▶ and untie the cords of the yoke,
- ▶ to set the oppressed free
- ▶ and break every yoke?
- ▶ 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry
- ▶ and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
- ▶ when you see the naked, to clothe them,
- ▶ and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

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- ▶ **Our Testimony-** gives way for faith to build and hope to rise. Our testimony brings confidence and belief in the God of our salvation.
 - ▶ Revelations 12:11
 - ▶ 11 They triumphed over him
 - ▶ by the blood of the Lamb
 - ▶ and by the word of their testimony;

Thanksgiving

-we are talking about a deep-rooted gratitude.

- ▶ Thankfulness according to the Bible is not just an act of the will, it's a posture of the heart.
- ▶ As a Christian, I can always find my thanksgiving in these unchangeable truths:
- ▶ The goodness of God's character
- ▶ The sacrificial love of Christ for me
- ▶ My secure and eternal future in heaven with my Heavenly Father

- ▶ Thanksgiving is a weapon against arrogance-a soil in which pride does not easily grow.”
- ▶ Psalm 7:17
- ▶ “I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.”

- ▶ Thanksgiving is a weapon against anxiety-We have constant reminders put before us about the things we don't have but could have.
- ▶ Philippians 4:6-7
- ▶ “6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- ▶ Thankfulness shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have.
- ▶ Thankfulness shifts our focus from what could be, to what is and what will be.

ARMOR & WEAPONS

- ▶ Ephesians 6:13-17

- ▶ Your stance- stand firm hold your ground
- ▶ Band of Truth
- ▶ Breastplate of Righteousness
- ▶ Strapped feet with Peace
- ▶ Shield of Faith
- ▶ Helmet of Salvation
- ▶ Sword of the Spirit

- ▶ 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

- ▶ Sword of the Spirit (Word of God)
- ▶ Prayer
- ▶ Worship
- ▶ The Name of Jesus
- ▶ Fasting
- ▶ Our Testimony
- ▶ Thanksgiving

Kingdom **Warrior** with Weapons

- ▶ Philippians 4:13 says, (AMP)
- ▶ 13 I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers me [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.]