

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Ryland Walter | August 27-28, 2022

Week 7: The Sword of The Spirit: It Cuts Both Ways

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- The belt of truth...
- The breastplate of righteousness...
- Feet fitted with...the gospel of peace

In addition to all this,

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Ephesians 6:14-17

The Sword of The Spirit

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Take... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
Ephesians 6:17 (NIV)

2. How does this sword protect me?

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and a sword _____ me.

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Hebrews 4:12-13 (NIV)

The Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3 (NIV)

3. How do I take up the sword of the Spirit?

Get _____ the word of God,
and _____ the word of God.

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⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:1-4 (NIV)

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REVIEW IT

Soldiers have been known to bring a victorious fighter's sword with them into battle to give them confidence. The Spirit gives us his sword to take into our battles. What is this sword? The Word of God. When the Word of God is used on me to cut into the deepest parts of my life, I can then use it to cut into the schemes of the enemy in the battlefield of my mind. We take up this sword when we internalize it — when we get near it and when we say it.

Spend some time in the word... **Read Matthew 4:1-11**

TALK ABOUT IT

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- Who do you know who loves the Word of God?
- What are some things that help you study the Bible and meditate on it?
- What are some ways we can use Scripture to defend ourselves against sin and evil?

ACT ON IT

Choose a verse to memorize this week. Try using one of the techniques mentioned in the message.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Take some time to ask how you can pray for and support one another this week.