

SOUL TRAIN: THE POWER OF LIVING ON GOD'S TRACK

Dressed for Adventure, Part 2

7-11-21

How to dress:

- Be **DRESSED** to fight.
Ephesians 6:10-11 - Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ **Put on the full armor of God** so that you can **take your stand**...
- Know **WHO** and **HOW** they fight.
Ephesians 6:11 - ... against the devil's **schemes**.

Schemes mean: Craftiness, cunning, and deception

Ephesians 6:12 - For our **struggle** is not against flesh and blood, but against the **rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world** and against the **spiritual forces of evil** in the heavenly realms.

- Use all your **SPIRITUAL** armor.
Ephesians 6:13 - Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 - For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

- **God says you can have victory. We fight from victory not for victory.**

SPIRITUAL ARMOR

Ephesians 6:14 - Stand firm then, with the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist...

1. **INTEGRITY**: Knowing the truth and living it out.
Ephesians 6:14 - ... with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place

2. **PURITY**: Keeping my mind and motives pure.
Proverbs 4:23 - Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Ephesians 6:15 - and with your **feet fitted with the readiness** that comes from the **gospel of peace**.

3. **SERENITY**: Living and speaking the gospel of peace.

Ephesians 6:16 - In addition to all this, **take up** the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

4. _____: Trusting in the promise of God.

Ephesians 6:16 - ... all the **flaming arrows** of the evil one.

5. _____: Protect my mind from evil thoughts.

Ephesians 6:17 - Take the **helmet of salvation** and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Colossians 3:2 - Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

6. _____: Ability to use the Bible as a weapon.

Hebrews 5:12-14, 6:1 - ¹² In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! ¹³ Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. ⁶ Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity...

Ephesians 6:17 - Take the helmet of salvation and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God.

In chapter 4 of Matthew's gospel, Jesus models this idea. All three of the temptations were to get Jesus to misuse his power, to use his power outside of the will of God.

Matthew 4:3, 6, 8-9 – “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” . . . ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their . . . splendor. ⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

Jesus answered all three of the temptations with:

Matthew 4:4, 7, 10-11 - Jesus answered, “**It is written**: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” . . . :⁷ Jesus answered him, “**It is also written**: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! **For it is written**: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Do you have an “It is _____,”
or an “I know I _____?”

How do I put on all of the armor? _____
and _____ the truth.

Ephesians 6:18 - 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 saints.