

Being Bold in the Battle Notes

Ephesians 6:14-23

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Main Point: Begin every day by putting on the armor of God.

Fasten the Belt of Truth.

1. A soldier's belt was used to _____ in his tunic so we wouldn't trip up in battle.
2. Without his belt, a soldier could not move quickly.
3. The word "fastened" means, "to _____ around, to gird."
4. We must hold to the inerrancy and authority of God's Word regardless of how much our culture capsizes.
5. A soldier's belt was used much like a _____ belt with various weapons like his sword, and pieces of the armor, attached to it.

Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness.

1. A soldier's breastplate covered vital central _____ like the heart and lungs.
2. Often made out of metal, or chain mail, it was designed to ward off deadly sword thrusts, much like an ancient bulletproof vest.
3. Our positional righteousness come through _____ in Christ. Theologians call this imputed righteousness.
4. Jesus took our rottenness and in exchange, gave us His righteousness.
5. Our practical righteousness – we are called to pursue a life of right living, where we focus on becoming _____ in all we do. Theologians call this sanctification.

Put on the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace.

1. The shoes worn by Roman soldiers had _____ driven through the soles to give them traction on any surface.
2. The gospel brings us _____ with God and also gives us the peace of God.
3. When we build our lives on the gospel, we can navigate over any terrain.
4. Romans 10:15 tells us to be _____ at all times to share this gospel of peace with others.

Take up the Shield of Faith.

1. A warrior's shield was oblong, 2 ½ feet wide and four feet tall.
2. A man could put his entire _____ behind it.
3. It was made out of _____ and overlaid with linen and leather.
4. It was often _____ in water to quench the enemy's flaming arrows and javelins.
5. "In all circumstances" means " _____, in everything.
6. The "flaming darts of the evil one" are launched from a distance as strong temptations and sinful thoughts come upon us suddenly.
7. The word "extinguish" means, "to _____ or dampen."

8. Roman shields were designed to interlock and form a solid _____ against the enemy on the front line.

Take the Helmet of Salvation.

1. The Roman military helmet was made of metal and had a band to protect the forehead along with plates for the cheeks and the neck.
2. When the helmet was strapped in place, it exposed _____ besides the eyes, nose, and mouth.

Take up the Sword of the Spirit

1. Verse 17 exhorts us to take up the only _____ weapon the believer carries.
2. This sword, also known as a “slaughter-knife,” was six to eighteen inches long and was sharp on _____ sides of the blade, so it could cut in all directions.
3. Hebrews 4:12 describes the Scriptures as sharp and _____.
4. The words of Jesus also function as a sharp sword (Revelation 2:16).
5. Ephesians 6:17 calls the sword of the Spirit “the _____ of God.”
6. This is not the typical Greek word *logos*, which means, “word” but rather *rhema*, which refers to “a saying, a portion, or a specific _____ of Scripture uttered by a living voice.”
7. Jesus quoted selections from _____ three times to disarm the devil in Matthew 4:1-11.
8. Nothing disarms and defeats the devil like the Word of God.
9. We must use it to defend against error and outright _____ and we must employ it by quoting it frequently.
10. It is not enough to own a sword; we must also know how to _____ it.
 - Read it.
 - Meditate on it.
 - Study it.
 - Memorize it.
 - Obey it.
 - Apply it.
 - Share it with others.
11. Armor is effective if worn properly but does no good if it’s left behind or worn _____.

Pray at All Times in the Spirit.

1. Ephesians 6:18 exhorts us to pray because prayer is to _____ everything.
2. Prayer is our ultimate secret _____ of warfare.
3. Paul also asked for prayer for himself in verses 19-20 but not for his comfort or even release from prison.
4. Paul was in prison as a direct result of preaching the gospel and all he can think about is preaching the gospel some more.