

VICTORY
IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE



BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

¹⁰ 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 against the devil's schemes. 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.

Ephesians 6



THE STRUGGLE IS...

- **Real.**
- **Not Physical.**
- **For Power.**
- **Moral.**
- **For Keeps.**



*Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled
around your waist, with the breastplate of
righteousness in place,*
Ephesians 6:14



1. Start with the Truth.

- The truth is what God says about anything/everything.
- Foolish falsehood is what everyone else says.

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.

 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

2. Act on the truth, which is Righteousness.

- Righteousness is truth in application.
- Righteousness is truth in motion.

²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4

3. Embrace every Dimension of Righteousness.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Philippians 3



3. Embrace every Dimension of Righteousness.

¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet

to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward

in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3

3. Embrace every Dimension of Righteousness.

- **Positional Righteousness – Spirit – I am saved**
- **Progressive Righteousness – Soul – I am being saved**
- **Practical Righteousness – Body – I will be saved**



4. Know the Signs of a Slipping Guard.

- **Chronic Emotional and Relational Problems**
- **False Sense of Security**
- **Wounded Heart/Double Heart**

*Above all else, guard your heart, for
everything you do flows from it.*

Proverbs 4:23



4. Know the Signs of a Slipping Guard.

- **Chronic Emotional and Relational Problems**
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And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7



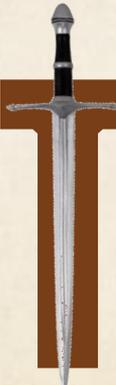
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*Be on your guard; stand firm in the
faith; be courageous; be strong.*

1 Corinthians 16:13





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