

"Stand Firm in the Battle!"

Ephesians 6:10-13

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Part I: _____ in the Battle: Vs. 12

Vs. 12: For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

A. _____ in the Reality of Spiritual Warfare

1. "Christian _____": Counterweight: **1 Peter 5:8:** Be sober-minded; be watchful. **Your adversary** the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

2. "Christian _____": Counterweight: **James 1: 14-15:** But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

B. _____ the Nature of Spiritual Warfare

2 Cor. 10: 3-4: "For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds."

1. It is a spiritual _____ match

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2. It is against an _____ enemy

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1 John 5:19b: the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

3. It is against a _____ enemy

Vs. 11:b: that you may be able to stand against the **schemes of the devil.**

Part II: _____ for the Battle: Vs. 10-11

Vs. 10-11: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

A. Don't Be _____

Act 19:11-16: ... But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Vs. 10: Finally, be strong **in the Lord** and in the **strength of his might.**

B. Don't Be _____

Vs. 10: Finally, **be strong** in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

2 Timothy 1:7: "For God gave us a spirit **not of fear** but of power and love and self-control."

Colossians 2:15: He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

C. Don't be _____

Vs. 12: Put on **the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Isaiah 59:17a: He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head.

Part III: _____ in the Battle: Vs. 13

Vs. 13: Therefore **take up the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to **withstand in the evil day**, and having done all, **to stand firm.**

James 4:7: Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil**, and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 5:9-10: Resist him, **firm** in your faith, knowing that **the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood** throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you."