



reWIND reVIEW ... 1<sup>ST</sup> Piece of God's Armor for Believers - **Belt of TRUTH** (v14a)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Piece of God's Armor for Believers - **Breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS** (v14b)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Piece of God's Armor for Believers - **Feet Protected** by the **GOSPEL of PEACE** (v15)  
4<sup>th</sup> Piece of God's Armor for Believers - **Shield of FAITH** (v16)  
5<sup>th</sup> Piece of God's Armor for Believers - **Helmet of Salvation** (v17a):

6<sup>th</sup> Piece of God's Armor for Believers - **Sword of the SPIRIT** (v17b): \_\_\_\_\_, around ~3+ feet long and the 2<sup>nd</sup> sword - a short, dagger-like weapon about 10 -18 inches long - called a \_\_\_\_\_.

**SWORD of the SPIRIT, the WORD of GOD** (v17) –Two Greek words are commonly translated for the term "**word**" in English: \_\_\_\_\_ which describes the Bible as a whole and \_\_\_\_\_ (the term in v 17) which refers to a specific "saying (verse) of God / the Word as it is spoken / the utterance of the spoken Word" done in the power of the Holy Spirit as applied to a particular, specific situation / circumstance in life!

\_\_\_\_\_ illustrated the effective use of the power-infused "**rhema of God**" in His victory over Satan in the \_\_\_\_\_ (**Matthew 4:1-11**)!

"When Paul instructs us to **take up the sword of the spirit**, he is also letting us know that **sometimes in this battle the \_\_\_\_\_ is so \_\_\_\_\_ that it seems as if he's right there in your face** ... Often that means **your battle is being waged \_\_\_\_\_ you - within your \_\_\_\_\_**, (within your) \_\_\_\_\_, (within your) \_\_\_\_\_ and (within your) \_\_\_\_\_. When the battle is that close, you need a powerful weapon to turn the tables on the enemy. We reach for (God's) (spiritual) sword." ~ Dr. Tony Evan, *Victory in Spiritual Warfare: Field Guide for Battle*, 2014, pp. 154

"**take ... the sword of the Spirit**" – notice that we **MUST** \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) the sword from God! Merely recognizing that the Bible is valuable, important, powerful and even inspired is simply not enough. We must \_\_\_\_\_ it, \_\_\_\_\_ it and \_\_\_\_\_ it!

The Greek word for "**take up**" means "**to accept \_\_\_\_\_ and receive \_\_\_\_\_**."  
This conveys a sense of **urgency** as if the Apostle Paul is saying... **Take it \_\_\_\_\_**!

#### Hebrews 4:12

The **Word of God** helps us to \_\_\_\_\_ between good and evil, light and darkness, truth and error, wisdom and folly, the spirit and the flesh.

Why is the Word so important? Because our hearts alone **cannot** be \_\_\_\_\_ ... it is \_\_\_\_\_!  
"The **heart is deceitful above all things**, and **desperately wicked**: who can know it?"  
**Jeremiah 17:9** KJV, The Message

**Psalms 139:23-24** <sup>NLT</sup> - The Holy Spirit gives the Word its penetrating \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to **filet our hearts open / lay bare**! God's word penetrates to the level of our thoughts & deepest intense. It has the divine power to fully reveal our motivations, desires and sins!

**1 Thessalonians 1:5** - The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_, coming \_\_\_\_\_, is \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_! If we don't know the Word of God well enough to use it against the devil, is it any wonder when we lose battles to him in \_\_\_\_\_! The authority / power lies in His Word, and it needs to be in us through study / feeding upon it!

#### 2 Timothy 2:15 <sup>Amplified</sup>

We must \_\_\_\_\_ the Sword of the Spirit (Word of God) ... See \_\_\_\_\_ mishandling of his physical sword and the spiritual metaphor it serves for us today! [ref: **John 18:1-11**]

English Puritan Thomas Watson once said, "*The reason we come away so cold from reading the word is because we do not warm ourselves at the **fire of** \_\_\_\_\_.*"  
We \_\_\_\_\_ need to **learn** to \_\_\_\_\_ upon the **Word**!

#### A<sup>3</sup> (Accept, Apply & Act)

"Giving All Praise, Honor & Glory to Abba Father for His Anointed Word / Message Today!" ~ Pastor David, Jeremiah 3:15