

Sword and Prayer
Keepers of the Kingdom – Part 5
Ephesians 6:17-18

Series Memory Verse: *"A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil."* Ephesians 6:10-11 (p.898)

"...take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion." Ephesians 6:17b-18a (p.898)

- **We Carry The Word And The Spirit Carries The Power.**

"For the word of God is alive and powerful...cutting between soul and spirit...joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." Hebrews 4:12 (p.922)

The choice is this: Exhaustion and defeat in my strength vs. Victory in His strength.

"Each time he said, 'My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.'" 2 Corinthians 12:9 (p.888)

"Then he said to me, 'This is what the Lord says... It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.'" Zechariah 4:6 (p.721)

How to "Take the Sword and Pray in the Spirit"

"But Jesus told him, 'No! The Scriptures say...'" Matthew 4:4, 7, 10 (p.735)

Take the Sword:

1. **Fill your armory.**
2. **Answer lies with truth.**

Pray in the Spirit:

"And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness... the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words." Romans 8:26 (p.862)

1. **Let the Spirit help you.**
2. **Pray short, pray often.**

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (p.907)

My Next Step This Week: Memorize and carry Ephesians 3:16 with you every day.

"I pray that from his (Your) glorious, unlimited resources he (You) will empower you (Me) with inner strength through his (Your) Spirit." Ephesians 3:16 (p.896)