**The Armor of God Part 1: Introduction (24 April 2016)**

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**Scripture:** Ephesians 6:10-20 (NKJV)

1. **Introduction**

If we are to understand our warfare, the Armor of God and its usage we must first identify our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the battle that has been waged against us.

1. **Position**
2. If we have received both the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus Christ offers us we are in a position to put on the armor. (See Matthew 16:23-25)

Luke 11:23 (NKJV) *He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.*

* See also James 4:4-7
* You can't be strong "in" something if you are not \_\_\_ \_\_\_.

Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV) *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*

1. **Role**
2. The biggest role/responsibility we have in spiritual warfare (as well as in the Christian life) is (personal) \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 6:10 (AMP) *In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].*

* See also Philippians 4:13

Our choices:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (or not) - vs. 10

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (or not)- vs.11, 13-17

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (or not) - vs. 11, 13

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (or not) -vs. 18-20

1. There must be continual moments of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* See Romans 6:11-14

Philippians 3:3 (NKJV) *For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.*

* In Christ we have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we need (see 2 Peter 1:3), but will we manage our souls wisely by choosing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what He has provided. This is our privilege and our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Final thoughts**

The grace of God empowers you to decide the position and the role/responsibility you will take in this war.

1. Will you submit your life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ?
2. Will you draw your strength from God, so that you can stand?
3. Will you put on the armor so that being in Him you can have and experience all He has provided for you to continue to stand?
4. Will you be a person of prayer and take prayer seriously?

These are the keys for us to wage warfare.