

¹⁰FINALLY, BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE STRENGTH OF HIS MIGHT. ¹¹PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD, THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO STAND AGAINST THE SCHEMES OF THE DEVIL. ¹²FOR 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. ¹³THEREFORE 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.

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¹⁴STAND THEREFORE, HAVING FASTENED ON THE BELT OF TRUTH, AND HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, ¹⁵AND, AS SHOES FOR YOUR FEET, HAVING PUT ON THE READINESS GIVEN BY THE GOSPEL OF PEACE. ¹⁶IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES TAKE UP THE SHIELD OF FAITH, WITH WHICH YOU CAN EXTINGUISH ALL THE FLAMING DARTS OF THE EVIL ONE; ¹⁷AND TAKE THE HELMET OF SALVATION, AND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD. —EPHESIANS 6:10-17

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"THERE ARE TWO EQUAL AND OPPOSITE ERRORS INTO WHICH OUR RACE CAN FALL ABOUT THE DEVILS. ONE IS TO DISBELIEVE IN THEIR EXISTENCE.

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THE OTHER IS TO BELIEVE, AND TO FEEL AN EXCESSIVE AND UNHEALTHY INTEREST IN THEM."
—C.S. LEWIS

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I. THE ATTACKS WE ALL FACE

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... SO THAT WE WOULD NOT BE OUTWITTED BY SATAN; FOR WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS DESIGNS.
—2 CORINTHIANS 2:11

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FOUR PRIMARY SCHEMES OF SATAN TO ATTACK BELIEVERS:

- 1. DISTRACTION
- 2. DISCOURAGEMENT
- 3. DOUBT
- 4. DECEIT

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2. THE ARMOR WE ALL NEED

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• BELT OF TRUTH

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SANCTIFY THEM IN THE TRUTH; YOUR WORD IS TRUTH.
—JOHN 17:17

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• BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

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• SHOES OF THE GOSPEL

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• SHIELD OF FAITH

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EVERY WORD OF GOD PROVES TRUE;
HE IS A SHIELD TO THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.
—PROVERBS 30:5

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• HELMET OF SALVATION

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BUT I AM AFRAID THAT AS THE SERPENT DECEIVED EVE
BY HIS CUNNING, YOUR THOUGHTS WILL BE LED ASTRAY FROM
A SINCERE AND PURE DEVOTION TO CHRIST. —2 COR. 11:3

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• THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT,
THE WORD OF GOD

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FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE,
SHARPER THAN ANY TWO-EDGED SWORD, PIERCING TO THE
DIVISION OF SOUL AND OF SPIRIT, OF JOINTS AND OF MARROW,

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AND DISCERNING THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTIONS
OF THE HEART. —HEBREWS 4:12

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3. THE AUTHORITY WE ALL SHARE

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...PRAYING AT ALL TIMES IN THE SPIRIT, WITH ALL PRAYER AND
SUPPLICATION. TO THAT END, KEEP ALERT WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE,
MAKING SUPPLICATION FOR ALL THE SAINTS. —EPHESIANS 6:18

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