

A Closer Look
Ephesians 6:10-20

Memory verse: Ephesians 6:10,11: “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.”

In 1 Timothy 1:18, Paul exhorts Timothy to “fight the good fight”. Let’s take a closer look at the weapons God provides to help us win the battle.

Begin with prayer. Ask the Lord to speak to you through His Holy Spirit. Use your Bible for the answers.

Day 1 *Discover the information*-Read Ephesians 6:10-11.

Read Eph 6:10-13

1. What is the source of the Christian’s strength? vs 10 See also Romans 8:31 and Eph 1:18-19.

2. In verse 11 and again in verse 13, Paul says to put on the full armor of God. Why must we put it on? Why do you think he says it twice? Why does he use the word “full”?

3. Read 1 Peter 5:8 and write it out below. What do you learn about our enemy, Satan?

4. In verse 12, four enemies are identified. Who are they?.

5. Read Romans 8:38,39. How does this encourage you?

Day 2 Read Eph 6:14-15

1. In verse 11, 13 and now 14, Paul says to “*stand firm*”. Read the following verses. What insights do they give you about the importance of standing firm in our faith?

- Ephesians 4:14

- James 4:7

2. The first piece of armor is the belt of truth. Read Prov. 6:16-19. What importance does God place on truthfulness?

3. Righteousness means “right standing with God” Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Where does our righteousness come from?

4. Read Romans 5:8-11 and summarize it below.

5. Read Romans 10:15 and 1 Peter 3:14. What do you learn about sharing the good news? Are you prepared to share the good news?

Day 3 Read Eph 6:16-17

1. In verse 16, we’re told to take up the shield of faith. Look up Hebrews 11:1 and write it below.

2. Read Romans 10:17 and Ephesians 2:8. What do you learn about the source of our faith?

3. What is the purpose of a helmet? Why would we need the helmet of salvation for spiritual warfare? See Romans 12:1-2

4. Read 2 Cor. 5:17 and Psalm 119:33-34. How are our minds renewed?

5. Our final piece of armor is the Sword of the Spirit. What is Paul describing? See Heb 4:12

Day 4 Read Eph 6:18-20

1. According to verse 18, how often should we pray. See also 1 Thess 5:17.

2. What are the benefits of persistent prayer? See Philippians 4:6-7

3. Use a dictionary or bible dictionary to define “intercession”. What is intercessory prayer? Who are we to intercede for? vs 18, 19

4. Why does Paul ask for prayer? vs 19

5. Spend time today praying for others and for boldness to share the gospel.

Day 5 Personal Application

Our Bible study is not over until we apply what we have learned to our everyday lives. And lest we underestimate the value of this last step, remember that in God’s eyes it is the person who does not just know His Word, but also obeys His Word that truly loves Him (see John 14:21).

1. Take time to review your lesson and the armor listed in our passage. Which pieces of armor are defensive and which are offensive?

2. Which piece of armor do you need to fight your spiritual battles? Explain.

3. What obstacle(s) do you face in fighting the battle of prayer effectively? What action will you take to counteract that?

4. What exactly will you do differently this week than last week—get specific and be realistic!

5. Is there someone you know who needs to hear the truths you have learned this week? Will you pray and ask the Lord for boldness and love to share it with that individual?

Be prepared to share the memory verse with your group.