

PREPARING FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE.
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Ephesians 6:10-17-Passion

10 Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you.

Eph 6:11 Put on God's complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser!

Eph 6:12 Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage.

Eph 6:13 Because of this, you must wear all the armor that God provides so you're protected as you confront the slanderer, for you are destined for all things and will rise victorious.

Eph 6:14 Put on truth as a belt to strengthen you to stand in triumph. Put on holiness as the protective armor that covers your heart.

Eph 6:15 Stand on your feet alert, then you'll always be ready to share the blessings of peace.

Eph 6:16 In every battle, take faith as your wrap-around shield, for it is able to extinguish the blazing arrows coming at you from the Evil One!

Eph 6:17 (17-18) Embrace the power of salvation's full deliverance, like a helmet to *protect your thoughts from lies*. And take the mighty razor-sharp Spirit-sword of the spoken Word of God. Pray passionately in the Spirit, as you constantly intercede with every form of prayer at all times. Pray the blessings of God upon all his believers.

Endurance — (2Timothy 2:3) - *the ability to endure and withstand hardship, adversity, or stress.*

KJV - We are to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Passion - *Overcome every form of evil as a victorious soldier of Jesus the Anointed One.*

Humility and submission — (Act 20:19) (James 4:7) ...are important characteristics of believers who engage in spiritual warfare.

Passion - *I've operated in God's miracle power with great humility and served you with many tears.*

NKJV - Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Knowledge - (2 Corinthians 2:11)—we are not to be ignorant of Satan's devices.

Passion - so that we would not be exploited by the adversary, Satan, for we know his clever schemes.

Persistence (Psalm 18:37)—*the ability to go on purposefully or determinedly in spite of oppression.*

Passion - *I caught up with my enemies and conquered them and didn't turn back until the war was won!*

Separation from the world - (2 Timothy 2:4)-KJV- No man who wars entangles himself with the affairs of this life.

Passion - For every soldier called to active duty must divorce himself from the distractions of this world so that he may fully satisfy the one who chose him.

Luke 10:19-Passion

Now you understand that I have imparted to you all my authority to trample over his kingdom. You will trample upon every demon before you and overcome every power Satan possesses. Absolutely nothing will be able to harm you as you walk in this authority.

Deuteronomy 2:24-NKJV

Rise, take your journey, and **cross over** the River Arnon. Look, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. **Begin to possess it, and engage him in battle.**

To **engage** means to *bring troops into conflict: to excite oneself (against adversary), waage war.*

Power is the Greek word *dunamis*.

Authority is the Greek word *exousia*. Authority is the *legal right* to use **power**.

Passion — (Ephesians 6:17)...And take the mighty razor-sharp **Spirit-sword of the spoken Word of God.**

Passion — (Ephesians 6:18-19)...**Pray passionately in the Spirit, as you constantly intercede with every form of prayer at all times. Pray the blessings of God upon all his believers.**

19 And pray also that God's revelation would be released through me every time I preach the wonderful mystery of the hope-filled gospel.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:21-Passion

For God made the only one who did not know sin to become sin for us, so that we *who did not know righteousness* might become the righteousness of God through our union with him.

2Timothy 2:3-Passion

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