



Review

-- v. 13 – The goal of our battle is to stand firm for Christ.

- 1.) Put on truth as a guard against deception (v. 14a).
- 2.) Put on righteousness to guard against condemnation (v. 14b).
- 3.) Put on zeal as a guard against complacency (v. 15).
- 4.) Put on faith as a guard against destructive thinking (v. 16).
- 5.) Put on hope as a guard against discouragement (v. 17a).
- 6.) The Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God (v. 17b).

-- v. 18 – There is a privileged last place given to prayer here. It is the final stamp that brings the believer's battle plan to completion.

1.) _____ brings our spiritual armor to life.

-- Prayer is to our Christian lives what electricity is to our modern world.

-- **Our spiritual armor is only effective to the degree that we are in close communion with God.**

- Wearing the belt of truth means living out God's truth in a sincere relationship with Him.
- Wearing the breastplate of righteousness is about claiming Christ's righteousness and approaching His throne of grace with confidence.
- Fitting our feet with the Gospel of peace means filling our lives with a sincere passion for Jesus Christ and His Gospel that can only come from a life lived in close communion with Him who loves us so much.
- Putting on the helmet of salvation means putting on an overjoyed energy rooted in the reality that we will live with God forever in glory.
- The sword of the Spirit is Scripture that is understood and obeyed in a real relationship with God.

-- Praying "in the Spirit" means prayers are _____, not routine (v. 18).

-- It means praying in ways that align with the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

2.) Every moment is made for _____ with God.

-- v. 18 – "...on all occasions..."

-- **Our spiritual battle allows no compartmentalization of life.**

-- Whenever we are routinely severed from close communion with God, we are sure to be suffering spiritual casualties.

-- **Our spiritual battle necessitates that we pray on _____ occasions.**

-- 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Luke 18:1

-- Regardless of your circumstances, pray and don't quit.

-- Although praying without ceasing does not mean we never do anything but pray, it does mean that we never do anything without prayer.

3.) For every _____, there is a prayer to be prayed.

-- v. 18 – "...with all kinds of prayers and requests..."

-- Examples: The Lord's Prayer; The A.C.T.S. Model

-- The Example of Nehemiah (Nehemiah 2:1-5)

-- Coming to God in the right ways at the right times is the essence of spiritual _____ (Colossians 4:2).

-- In every circumstance, the spiritually alert Christian is ready to seek God and trust in Him.

4.) To be strong in battle, we must pray for _____.

-- v. 18 – "Always keep on praying for all the saints."

-- Our unity in Christ compels us to pray for each other with earnestness and intensity.

-- **The Apostle was intense in his praying for the church.**

-- Colossians 1:9, 2 Thessalonians 1:11

-- Do we have the same attitude toward one another?

-- **God gives us _____ when we pray for each other (Phil. 1:19).**

-- Through our prayers prayed in the Spirit, our God is pleased to bring victory to those who trust wholly in Him.

Conclusion – Exodus 17:8-16

- From the perspective of the soldiers on the ground, the battle was won by the strength of Joshua and the swords of Israel.
- The truth about Israel's victory lay in a private scene that is clearly their key to success: Moses' prayerful communion with God.
- Our church will be far more victorious in battle if we will be wholeheartedly committed to seek God in prayer.