

“Godly” Garb – What to Wear

The Belt of Truth

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand." (Ephesians 6:10-13, NIV)

I. Review

- Struggle
- Wrestle
- Against the powers of this dark world
- Spiritual forces
- When (not if) the day of evil comes

The other word that causes me concern – is the word, "OUR" – Paul did not say "MY" he very purposefully included us.

What do we know about this struggle – about this battle?

"Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist..." (Ephesians 6:14, NIV)

What is the belt of truth?

What is truth?

II. Truth as ARMOR

Greek word "**alethia**" – translated as "truth as CONTENT".

If Satan attacks why is it so important that I have a belt on?

How does this truth protect us in this battle against Satan?

If Satan attacks me why do I need to have a belt of truth on?

*"Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the **devil's schemes.**" (Ephesians 6:11, NIV)*

*"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every **wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness** of men in their deceitful scheming." (Ephesians 4:14, NIV)*

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." (John 8:44, NIV)

III. What does **TRUTH** look like?

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that **so easily entangles**, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2, NIV)*

A. Temptations **TRIP** us up.

B. The **STRAP**.

IV. How do I **BUCKLE** on truth?

A. The **ATTITUDE** of Truthfulness

1. Have a **HEART** for the battle.

*"Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier **gets involved in civilian affairs**—he wants to please his commanding officer." (2 Timothy 2:3-4, NIV)*

2. Live to **WIN**.

B. Truth in **ACTION**

"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions." (1 John 3:18, NLT)