



Part 7

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)

I. Review – Ephesians 6:14-17

- Belt of Truth
- Breastplate of Righteousness
- Shoes fitted with the Gospel of Peace
- The Shield of Faith
- The Helmet of Salvation
 - Salvation as protection
 - 1. Doubt
 - 2. Discouragement

II. The Sword of the Spirit

*Take the helmet of salvation and the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.** (Ephesians 6:17, NIV)*

- A. The **ROMAN** Sword
- B. The **CHRISTIAN'S** Sword

1. It's Characteristics:

INFALLIBLE

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. (Psalm 19:7, NIV)

INERRANT

Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar. (Proverbs 30:5-6, NIV)

COMPLETE

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. (Revelation 22:18-19, NIV)

RELEVANT

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12, NIV)

SUFFICIENT

and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 3:15, NIV)

EFFECTIVE

so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11, NIV)

2. The Sword for **DEFENSE**

3. The Sword for **OFFENSE**

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Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15, NIV)

III. Your second WEAPON

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. (Ephesians 6:18-20, NIV)

Peter as a **WIMP** (John 18:25-27)

Peter as a **WARRIOR** (Acts 3:11-15 and Acts 4:7-10, 13, 14, 19)