

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
Ephesians 6:10-20 - Battle Ready - 09.03.2023

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Do you have any sort of helpful tools that could help you in certain situations that you neglect to utilize? (Like my unused tool belt?)
What has prevented you from taking full advantage of that tool/ability/etc. that you could use to be a great help to you?
How does this relate to how we sometimes live our lives in light of what is written in Ephesians 6:10-20?
3. Do you ever struggle with trying so hard and wanting so badly to please the Lord and to resist sin but feeling like you keep failing?
How does the command given in Ephesians 6:10 reveal the only solution for us?
Why does it seem so hard at times to remain strong in the Lord & the strength of His might, as we're commanded here?
How do the verses that follow (through verse 18) provide an understanding of how to do this practically?
What are some specific steps you can take to be better equipped for the battles around you (put on the armor of God)?
4. As you read verses 11 and 12, who is our real enemy, and what are his tactics (from this text and other Scriptural descriptions too)?
With our true enemy being identified, how important is it to know the truth when battling against Him?
How do Mt. 28:18, Lk. 10:18-20, 1 Cor. 15:56-58, & Col. 2:13-15 provide perspective about our enemy and our Lord?
5. As you consider the order of the Armor of God, why is the girding up of the loins in the truth so critical?
How does "The Belt of Truth" prepare us for spiritual battles in the same way this would be preparation for a physical battle?
What is the source of truth & how does the truth enable us to stand firm against our true enemy?
With the vast majority of the armor being defensive, what is our one part of the armor that we can use to strike back?
Do you feel equipped to be protected from the enemy's attacks & to counterattack with The Word of God?
If not, what practical steps can you take today to be better equipped and engage in the battles around you?
5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
We have to know who our real enemy is!
Our real enemy is Satan, not other people!
Since the battle is spiritual, so is the armor!
Walking by the Spirit keeps us always ready!
We're called to be strong & not shrink back!
The strength we need is only found in Jesus!
Jesus has already defeated the evil one!
We are victorious with Jesus by faith in Him!