

## The Armor of God PART 8

### Ephesians 6:17

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#### MAIN TAKEAWAY

God has equipped us perfectly for any battle we may be facing but it is our responsibility to put on the whole armor of God. We put on the whole armor by having a **knowledge** of the Word and **properly applying** it to our lives. Victory comes when you know God's Word, receive a personal revelation from it, and boldly speak it over every battle you face.

We put on the whole armor by:

1. **Repentance**: change our mind and go in a new direction.
2. **Renew my mind** in God's Word.
3. **Remind** myself of what I've read: when dealing with daily circumstances and distractions, remind yourself what God has said over you.
4. **Replace** the lies of the devil with a truth from God's Word.

#### KEY SCRIPTURES & TAKEAWAYS

**Ephesians 6:10-18 NIV** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup>and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>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 Lord's people.

- a. We are to declare we are strong in the Lord.
- b. It takes repetition to get a personal revelation word from God. The Greek word for "word" in verse 17 is *rhema* and once we have that revelation then we can take on new ground and receive our breakthrough.

**Hebrews 4:12 KJV** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- a. The Word cuts out the thoughts and intentions that don't align with God's Word.
- b. In the Greek it says, "*two mouths sword*", the Bible becomes powerful when we say with **our mouth** what God has said with **His mouth**. Faith is not activated until we speak it.

**Matthew 4:1-4 KJV** Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.<sup>2</sup> And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.<sup>3</sup> And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.<sup>4</sup> But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

- a. Jesus is our example – He quoted Scripture to shut down the lies of the devil.

**1 Samuel 17:40-46 KJV** And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.<sup>41</sup> And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him.<sup>42</sup> And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.<sup>43</sup> And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.<sup>44</sup> And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.<sup>45</sup> Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.<sup>46</sup> This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

- a. Don't ever face your giant with your mouth shut but speak the Word of God.
- b. Stop negativity by speaking God's Word.

**Action steps:**

1. Meditate on God's Word – keep reading until you get a revelation.
2. Memorize them
3. The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance the right ones to use in prayer.
4. Speak them out.

**REFLECT & REVISIT**

This week go back and read **Ephesians 6:17**, ask the Holy Spirit to give you a *rhema* word for the battle you're facing right now. As you read God's Word (*logos*), allow God's promises to become personal (*rhema*). Memorize the verse He highlights, then begin speaking it over your life every day. Don't face your circumstances with your mouth shut. As God's Word fills your heart and comes out of your mouth, your faith is strengthened and you position yourself to walk in the victory He has already provided.