The Triumphant Life

GEAR UP! (Part II)

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- "Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8^(NLT)
- "Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong." 1 Corinthians 16:13 (NLT)
- "So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded." 1 Thessalonians 5:6 (NLT)
- "Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!" Matthew 26:41^(NLT)
- "So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. 1 Peter 1:13-14 (NLT)
 "I am warning you ahead of time, dear friends. Be on guard so that you will not
 be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure
 footing." 2 Peter 3:17 (NLT)

To Win the Battle:

- 1. I must get <u>DRESSED FOR BATTLE</u>.
- 2. I must know MY REAL ENEMY.
- 3. I must use EVERY PIECE OF ARMOR.

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1. <u>INTEGRITY:</u> Knowing and doing the truth.

Ephesians 6:14 (NLT) – "Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth..."

2. <u>PURITY:</u> Knowing and keeping my motives clean.

Ephesians 6:14 (NLT) – "Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness."

3. <u>SERENITY</u> Living & speaking the gospel of peace.

Ephesians 6:15 (TLB) – "Wear shoes that are able to speed you on as you preach the Good News of peace with God."

4. _____ Trusting God's promises.

Ephesians 6:16 (NLT) – "In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil."

Matthew 19:26, Romans 8:28, 2 Corinthians 9:8, Romans 8:31, Isaiah 40:31

5.	Protecting my mind from evil.
	Ephesians 6:17 (NLT) – "Put on salvation as your helmet
	2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) – "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind (SANITY)."
	Proverbs 4:23 (GNT) – "Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts."
	Romans 12:2 $^{(NIV)}$ – "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."
	Colossians 3:2 $^{\text{(GW)}}$ – "Keep your mind on things above, not on worldly things."
6.	Using God's Word against the devil.
	Ephesians 6:17 (NLT) – "Put on salvation as your helmet and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
	Hebrews 5:12 - 6:1 (NLT) "You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong. So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding."
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