

## PREPARING FOR THE BATTLE--1

### *“Identifying The Enemy”*

Ephesians 6:10-13

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#### I. FIRST, THINK ABOUT THE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH (Ephesians 6:10).

A. First, we must understand that our strength comes from a Person (6:19b) “... *be strong in the Lord.*”

B. Secondly, we must understand that our strength comes from a provision (6:10c) “... *and in the power of his might...*”

#### II. SECONDLY, KEEP IN MIND THAT THE SOURCE OF STABILITY (Ephesians 6:11).

A. First, consider how we are embroiled (6:11b) “... *the wiles of the devil...*”

1. First, notice some of Satan’s devices.
  - \* The love of money (1 Timothy 6:10).
  - \* Loving this present world (2 Timothy 24:10)
  - \* Putting away faith (1 Timothy 1:18-20).
  - \* Listening to profane and vain babblings (2 Timothy 2:16-18).

2. Secondly, note some of Satan’s desires (Selected Passages).

B. Secondly, notice how we are equipped (6:11a) “*Put on the whole armour of God...*”

C. Thirdly, note how we are enabled (6:10b) “... *that ye may be able to stand...*”

#### III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER THE SOURCE OF OUR \_\_\_\_\_ (6:12a).

A. First, consider what the enemy is \_\_\_\_\_ (6:10b) “... *not against flesh and blood...*”

B. Secondly, note what the enemy \_\_\_\_\_ (6:11-12b).

Look at least 3 ways the devil deceives:

1. He deceives us by lying to us about the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (Genesis 3:4).
2. He deceives us by \_\_\_\_\_ doubt on the Word of God (Genesis 3:2a).
3. He deceives us by \_\_\_\_\_ us to doubt God’s goodness (Genesis 3:5).
4. He deceives us by \_\_\_\_\_ us to believe that we can gain salvation or victory on our own (Genesis 3:6).

**CONCLUSION:** Three reasons for putting on Christian armor:

1. First, it is a \_\_\_\_\_ “*Put on...*”
2. Secondly, it is \_\_\_\_\_ “... *the whole...*”
3. Thirdly, it is for \_\_\_\_\_ (Impossible to fight without armor for protection).