



Know your spiritual enemy:

- He is the prince of this world
 - He is the tempter
- He blinds the minds of unbelievers
- He is always trying to deceive people

Be strong (v.10)

- “Finally” means for the rest of the period
 - Be strong in the Lord
 - Be strong in His mighty power

Your struggle (v.12)

- Against rulers (principalities)
- Against authority (power)
- Powers of the dark world
- The spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm

The armor of God...

1st piece of the armor of God: Belt of truth (v.14)

- No private life in contradiction to God's word
- Keep God's word in your life


**2nd piece of the armor of God:
Breast plate of righteousness (v.14)**

- Keep a right relationship with Jesus Christ
- Defeat all corrupt desires in your life




3rd piece of the armor of God: feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace (v.15)

- Shoes represent stability, readiness to share the good news
- The gospel of peace delivers people from the hands of Satan



5th piece of the armor of God: Shield of faith (v.16)

- It is your belief in God and His promises
- The shield will be good only if the soldiers stand firm
- Your faith in God will extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one



5th piece of the armor of God: the helmet

- Represents the hope of salvation



6th piece of the armor of God: Sword of the Spirit (v.16)

- Word of God
- Weapon of offense



Pray in the Spirit

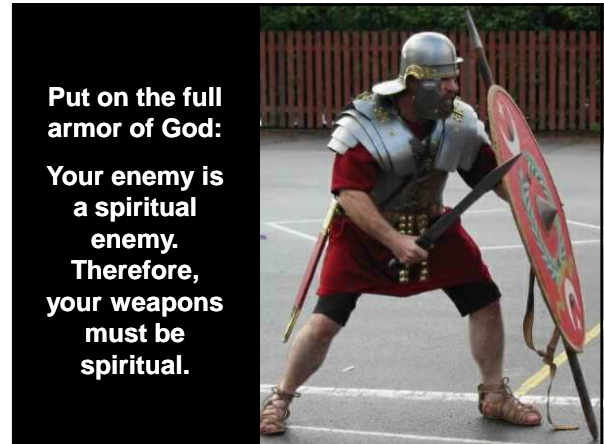
- Strength to defeat evil power comes through prayer
- The Holy Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's Word





Compare the uniform of a chef and of a soldier:

Which of these do you have to fight against your spiritual enemy?



Put on the full armor of God:

Your enemy is a spiritual enemy. Therefore, your weapons must be spiritual.