



Series Topical

Passage Ephesians 6:10-19

Title Withstanding the Wiles of the Devil (Part 1)

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- **Discussion Starter:** In what ways do you feel your life is impacted by the spiritual realm and the wiles of the devil?

God's Preparation Instructions (Ephesians 6:10; John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8-9)

- Prior to putting on any armor, Paul's first instruction in Ephesians 6:10 is "to be strong in the LORD and in the power of His might." Describe in your own words what this means. How is this to be applied practically in our day to day lives?
- The next instruction comes in Ephesians 6:11 which tells us "to put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand the wiles of the devil." We learned the definition of the word "wiles" means: 1> A strategy or tactic employed to lure, deceive or ensnare; 2> A disarming or seductive manner to deceive; 3> Trickery. According to John 10:10 and 1 Peter 5:8-9, what do we learn about the enemy's purpose behind his tactics of deception and how does this tie into God's instruction of putting on the whole armor of God?

Spiritual Warfare (Ephesians 6:12-13; Daniel 10:1-13; Matthew 4:1-11; Revelation 12:7-10)

- Why do you think Paul informs us in Ephesians 6:12 that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood?
- Why do you think God allows principalities, powers, rulers of darkness of this age and spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places to exist?
- What does the Bible tell us about the enemy's tactics, according to Daniel 10:1-13, Matthew 4:1-11 and Revelation 12:7-10? How have you personally experienced or seen these tactics deployed on your family and friends?

The Wiles of the Devil (Romans 13:1-2; Ephesians 1:21-23)

- We learned that there are basically three different ways the wiles of the devil are manifested in our lives. 1> Bucking Authority, 2> Immediate Gratification, 3> Discouragement. Which of the three ways are you more susceptible to and why?
- We know that God is a God of order and we see this evidenced in His creation of the cosmos to the structure of microscopic atomic cell. God has also set an order to authority and the devil is out to undermine this authority in four general ways: 1> God's Word, 2> The Finished Work of Salvation, 3> The Human Family, 4> The Church of Jesus Christ. What are some of the specific examples of how each of these four areas is under attack today?
- How is man's responsibility in the human family a model for God's order and authority?