



Series Topical

Passage Ephesians 6:10-19

Title Withstanding the Wiles of the Devil (Part 2)

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- **Discussion Starter:** What are some of the important things you have learned about how we are to stand against the wiles of the Devil?

Putting On The Whole Armor of God (Ephesians 6:14-18)

- The first piece of armor Paul mentions that the soldier of God must put on is the belt of truth. Why do you think this is the first piece of armor that is put on? How should our lives as Christians look different from the rest of the world if we have really girded ourselves up with this belt of truth?
- Describe in your own words how the soldier's feet being shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace enables him to stand against the wiles of the Devil? Read Romans 10:14-15 and John 14:27. What additional insights can we gain from these verses on being prepared with the gospel of peace?
- We learned that the shield of faith is used to quench the fiery darts of the Devil. For this shield to be effective we need to really believe in true faith. What are some of the promises of God that we really need to believe in? Which of the promises of God does the enemy try to get you to disbelieve most frequently?
- The sword of the Spirit is described as the word of God. What is the spiritual difference between being girded with the belt of truth (knowing God's truth) and having the sword of the Spirit, since both pieces of armor are rooted in the word of God? After reading Matthew 4:8-11, discuss how Jesus gives us an example of using the sword of the Spirit. How does the sword of the Spirit help us when we have conflict in our homes, neighborhoods and workplaces?
- Paul tells us that we must pray in the Spirit always with all kinds of prayer and supplication. This means praying in God's word and not in our will. Describe what happens when we pray God's word instead of our own will.

The Wiles of the Devil

- We know that God wants us to experience gratification. This type of gratification falls under God's law of sowing and reaping. What are some of the ways Satan tricks us into believing that we can by-pass God's law of sowing and reaping so we can have immediate gratification?
- What are the benefits of submitting to God's law of sowing and reaping? How have you seen the benefits of God's law of sowing and reaping work in your life?
- The third area of attack from the Devil comes by discouragement. Are you susceptible to discouragement? Describe the areas in your life where you feel most attacked.
- If you knew that all the problems with your relationships were spiritual in nature, how would that change your mindset and how would it enable you to deal with them differently? Who is the first person that comes to mind? Describe how it would be different.