

Prepared for Battle

Though the victory is already won,
we must still prepare our heart & mind for battle.

Any and every opponent has the advantage
if we do not _____ prepare.

But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

*⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil,
and he will flee from you.*

⁸ Come near to God and He will come near to you.

*Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts,
you double-minded.*

¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.
James 4:6-8 & 10

Three Areas of Mental Preparation

ATTITUDE ~ Our life is best _____ on Him.
5:5-7

The battle of life is easier when we're _____.
“Cloth yourself with humility” = work clothes

Three Realities:

Pride makes us fight for ourselves and _____ others.
Proverbs 28:25 James 4:1-3

Connecting to God happens when we're not filled
with our own solutions & _____.

Psalm 34:18 & Matthew 5:3-6

Many feed on their _____ instead of giving it to Him.

Psalm 37:7-8 Colossians 3:8

ATTENTION ~ Our life is a target of the _____.
5:8-9

The battle of life is against an _____ enemy!
“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy” John 10:10

Three Realities:

The evil enemy is always in _____.
Job 1:7 & 2:2 2 Corinthians 2:11

No matter what, you need to keep _____.
1 Corinthians 15:58 Hebrews 11:6 2 Peter 3:18

Remember, you are not alone in the _____.
Acts 14:22 1 Thess. 3:3 Heb. 3:13

ANTICIPATION ~ In our life, God will _____.
5:10

The battle will not leave you in _____.
I will repay you for the years the locust have eaten ...Joel 2:25

Three Realities: Promises

God will _____ and enable you.. [Strong]
Acts 4:29 Heb. 13:21

God will help you _____. [Firm]
Psalm 138:8 Philippians 1:6

God will _____ you completely. [Steadfast]
Psalm 51:10 Matthew 7:24-25

Optional Readings:

Notice the benefit of “Humility” even in difficult times.
Deut. 8^{2&16} Psalm 18²⁷, 25⁹ 147⁶ 149⁴ Prov. 3³⁴
Isaiah 29¹⁹ Daniel 4³⁷ 5¹⁹ Luke 14¹¹ 18¹⁴
Eph. 4² James 1²¹ 1 Peter 3⁸