

Destroying Strongholds

... in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.
2 Corinthians 2:11

Purposeful Armor:

“Put on ...” 6:11 & 13 ~ Live _____ the armor.

The *Belt* of Truth protects against the enemy's **Deception**.

The *Breastplate* of Righteousness protects against
being **Diluted or Dissolved**.

The *Shoes* of Peace protects against
Distractions & Discouragement.

“Take Up ...” 6:16-17 ~ Put into _____

The *Shield* of Faith protects against crippling **D**_____.

The *Helmet* of Salvation protects against **Despair & Death**.

The *Sword* / the Word stands against the enemy's **Domination**.

A significant symbol in the Old Testament is that Israel was captured & enslaved ... yet, by God, set free!
[Egypt, Babylon, & _____]

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.
2 Corinthians 10:4

... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. ...
Hebrews 12:1

Take Up the Shield of Faith Eph. 6:16
to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Protected from all the “_____” thoughts, words & attitudes.
Who do the arrows set on fire? Who is upsetting you?

The flames are put out by *actively trusting* God's Power and the P_____ of the Holy Spirit to move or to speak.

Optional Readings: *God provides the Victory. (option A)*

Psalm 3⁸ 20⁷ 27¹ 34¹⁷ 35¹ 46¹ 91¹ 97¹⁻⁶ 17¹⁻⁶
118⁶ 140⁷ 144¹ **Isaiah** 40¹⁰⁻¹¹ 41¹⁰

Take the Helmet of Salvation

Eph. 6:17

Protection, but also declaring your allegiance & His authority.

Being a child of God we have been given authority.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”
Matthew 16:19 (18:18)

Bind the enemy from _____ or coming near.

Loosen the ties that keep us _____ to wrong things.

Take the Sword of the Spirit [The Word] Eph. 6:17

The Authority of the Word of God defeats the devil.

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Matt 4:4

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
Hebrews 4:12

We must become _____ with God's Word and able to grow in our grasp of it.

Pray in the Spirit Eph. 6:18

on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
Be alert and don't give up! ...

Our prayers need to be _____ by the Holy Spirit!

Listen for Him to lead you.

Forget who else may be listening in.

Pray for God's glory and their _____.

Boldly ask for God to _____.

Optional Readings: *God provides the Victory. (option B)*

Matthew 26⁴¹ **John** 14²⁷ **Acts** 16²⁵⁻²⁶ **1 Cor.** 16¹³ **2 Cor.** 10³⁻⁵
Phil. 4⁶ **Col.** 3² 4² **1 Tim.** 2¹⁻² **2 Tim.** 1⁷ 4¹⁸
2 Thess. 3³ **Rev.** 12¹⁰⁻¹¹ 19¹¹⁻¹⁶