

Gear Up! Part 2 - Week 3

Jesus Christ wants you to **win** and help others win in the real fight we all have with the devil and demonic forces. The secret to being a champion, instead of a casualty, is **getting your spiritual gear on!** *Ephesians 6:10-14; James 4:7; 1 John 4:4b*

1) The “belt of truth” protects us from Satan’s lies and deception. We put our belt on by telling ourselves the truth about who Jesus is, what He has done for us and what He will do for us. *John 8:44b; John 8:31-32; John 17:14-17; Colossians 1:15-17; Colossians 1:19-23a; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:11; Psalm 23:1-6*

“Because Satan’s primary weapon is the lie, your best defense against him is the truth. Dealing with Satan is not a power encounter; it is a truth encounter.” - **Neil Anderson**

Jesus Christ is my good shepherd who provides for me, guides me, restores me, comforts me, protects me and gives me eternal life. I am safe and secure in His hands!
John 10:28-29

2) The “body armor” or breastplate of God’s righteousness protects us from condemnation. We put it on by walking in complete honesty with God, freely confessing our sins and receiving the cleansing victory of Christ’s blood. *Romans 5:6-11; Colossians 2:14-15; 1 John 1:9; Romans 8:1*

Confession and cleansing conquers condemnation!
Revelation 12:11

3) The “peace shoes” protect us from self-righteousness and sinfulness. They secure our footing in the unmerited mercy and grace we have received in Christ, and we gratefully share with others the miraculous gift we’ve received in Christ. *Ephesians 6:15; Ephesians 2:1-9*

The more you “get” the grace of God in your life, the greater your grip is on life. You then want others to get it too! *1 Timothy 1:15-17*

4) The “shield of faith” protects us from the fiery arrows of the devil which include a strong desire to sin, hateful thoughts, piercing doubts, intense fear or overwhelming discouragement. Faith in this verse means absolute confidence in God, His character, His promises and His control of all things for our good. *Ephesians 6:16; Psalm 84:11; Romans 8:38-39; Psalm 18:28-39*

Getting geared up is how we keep from being beat up or giving up when Satan attacks us. Keep getting your gear on and God will do His part. You can count on Him! *2 Chronicles 16:9a*

Reading Guide: Take time this week to read through the Scriptures in the message and reflect on them deeply.

Life Application Questions:

- 1) Is the full armor of God making more sense to you yet? How is it helping you fight against the schemes of the enemy? Are you getting the belt of truth on? What does Satan accuse you the most about?
- 2) Think about the gospel shoes. Do you get grace? Do you share grace? Does getting grace keep you from being self-righteous? Are you sinning less?
- 3) Have you had any flaming arrows hit you this week? What did you learn about the shield of faith that will help you extinguish these arrows?