

# The Believers Battle pt. 1

## Be Strong

### Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

<sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

<sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

<sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

<sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

<sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

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1. Be a person who is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jeremiah 6:14 (NASB)** "They have healed the brokenness of My people superficially, Saying, 'Peace, peace,' But there is no peace.

### George Campbell Morgan

The first view we have of man shows him standing on a battlefield. He is addressed by two principles of conduct: God said/the tempter said. All struggles of history, the battles between freedom and tyranny, good government and bad government, religion and anarchy, purity and licentiousness, are echoes of this struggle on the battlefield of man's own heart.

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NASB)** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

2. Be a person who kills it, \_\_\_\_\_ it kills \_\_\_\_\_.

A person takes a drink, then the drink takes them

A person takes a look, then the look takes them

A person gets obsessed, then the obsession gets them

A person gets depressed, then the depression gets them

**Matthew 11:12 (NASB)** "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.

### **Charles Spurgeon**

A believer does what is right, and would sooner take the lion of hell by the beard than do wrong.

### **Charles Spurgeon**

Peace, peace, peace, that is the flap of the dragon's wings; the stern voice which proclaims perpetual war is the voice of the captain of our salvation. For Christ says, "I have not come to the earth so that you will have peace on earth; I came with a sword.

**1 Corinthians 9:26-27 (NASB)** Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave,

3. Be a person who \_\_\_\_\_ when the rest of the world \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NIV)** We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

## **Where a strong person finds their strength**

**Ephesians 6:10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

4. A strong person finds their \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 6:14 (NIV)** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth

5. A strong person finds their \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 6:14 (NIV)** Stand firm then.... with the breastplate of righteousness

6. A strong person finds their \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 6:15 (NIV)** ....that comes from the gospel of peace.

7. A strong person finds their strength in their \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 6:16 (NIV)** . . . take up the shield of faith,

8. A strong person finds their \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 6:17 (NIV)** Take the helmet of salvation

9. A strong person finds their \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 6:17 (NIV)** Take... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

10. The Christian life is a life of \_\_\_\_\_; we fight in the \_\_\_\_\_ and in the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_.