The Believer's Battle pt. #5 Belt of Truth

Ephesians 6:10-20 (ESV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

¹⁴ <u>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth</u>, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.
¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

What is the belt of truth?

- 1. Truth is: "the ______ it is".
- 2. Truth is what ______ your pants up and ______ all your armor intact.

Two methods Satan uses to destroy truth:

- 3. Satan ______ his hook with ______ and catches ______ fish.
 - a. What is true for ______ isn't necessarily true for ______. John 8:44; Revelation 12:9.
- 4. Satan baits his hook with _____ and catches a _____ amount of fish.
 - a. Satan _____ truth by _____ truth. Matthew 4:1-11.
 - b. Satan attacks truth by using ______ and _____. Zechariah 10:2; Jeremiah 23:23-32.

Spurgeon:

I have little confidence in those persons who speak of having received direct revelations form the Lord, as though he appeared otherwise than by and through the gospel. His word is so full, so perfect, that for God to make any fresh revelation to you or me is quite needless. To do so would be to put a dishonor upon the perfection of that word.

- c. Satan attacks truth by using _____ in ____ clothing. 1 Timothy 4:1.
- 5. God has ______ put His truth in ______ so you

can have it in the palm of your hand to _____. 2 Peter 1:17-21.

6. If we do not ______ to know truth then we have already it.