

The Armour of the Christian Soldier

Ephesians 06:10–20

1 *The soldier's charge*

- a. Be strong in the Lord
— in His mighty power
- b. Put on the full armour of God

2 *The soldier's enemy: The devil and his strategies*

3 *The soldier's warfare: Not human, but spiritual*

4 *The soldier's duty: To take the full armour of God*

- a. That he may resist
in the day of evil
- b. That he may stand

5 *The soldier's armour*

- a. The belt of truth
- b. The breastplate of
righteousness
- c. The sandals of the gospel
- d. The shield of faith
- e. The helmet of salvation
- f. The sword of the Spirit

10 Finally,
be strong in the Lord
and in his mighty power.

11 Put on the full armour of God
so that you can take your stand
against the devil's schemes.

12 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.

13 Therefore
put on the full armour 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.

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

15 And with your feet
fitted with the readiness
that comes from the gospel of peace.

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

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

6 *The supernatural provision:*
Prayer – always praying

- a. With all kinds of prayer
- b. In the Spirit
- c. Being alert
- d. For all saints
and for ministers in particular

18 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.

19 Pray also for me,
that whenever I open my mouth,
words may be given me
so that I will fearlessly make known
the mystery of the gospel,

20 For which I am an ambassador in chains.
Pray that I may declare it fearlessly,
as I should.

The Examples of Faithful Christian Soldiers

Ephesians 06:21–24

1. *There was the soldier Tychicus*

- a. A beloved brother
- b. A faithful minister

- c. A friend of believers,
a messenger of encouragement

21 Tychicus,
the dear brother
and faithful servant in the Lord,
will tell you everything,
so that you also may know
how I am and what I am doing.

22 I am sending him to you
for this very purpose,
that you may know how we are,
and that he may encourage you.

2. *There was the soldier Paul*

- a. A spiritual brother:
Concerned for the peace,
love and faith of others
- b. A prayer warrior:
Prayed that God's grace
would rest upon others

23 Peace to the brothers,
and love with faith from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace to all
who love our Lord Jesus Christ
with an undying love.