

# Fightin' The Fight

*Ephesians 6:10-11(NIV)* Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **(11)** Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

## 1. Know Your Enemy

*James 1:13-14 (NIV)* When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; **(14)** but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.

*Genesis 8:21 (NIV)* ...every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood.

*Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)* 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.

## 2. Know where you stand in the fight

*Deuteronomy 19:19 (NIV)* ... You must purge the evil from among you.

*Deuteronomy 19:21 (NIV)*... Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

*Matthew 5:38-39 (NIV)* "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' **(39)** But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

*Ephesians 6:13 (NIV)* 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.

## 3. Know how to protect yourself

*Ephesians 6:14 (NIV)* Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

*1 John 2:1 (NIV)* But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One

*Ephesians 6:15 (NIV)* and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

*Matthew 5:9 (NIV)* Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

*Ephesians 6:16-18 (NIV)* In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **(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.

*Deuteronomy 20:4 (NIV)* For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."

*2 Timothy 4:1 (NIV)* The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.