



Prayer/Bible Study
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Identifying and Standing Against the Enemy
Ephesians 6:10-20 NLT

Paul issues a warning in **Ephesians 6** about the tough times that believers will face. The enemy is Satan himself—**Ephesians 6:12**, an enemy who will do everything to stop their progress. Instead of moping and being fearful, Paul lays out a specific plan for believers. We are not to approach the fight in our own strength, but remember God can defeat the enemy—**Ephesians 6:10**.

1. A strategy to win—**Verse 11**

2. Knowledge of the enemy—**Verse 12**

3. Resources needed to fight—**Verse 13**

4. A plan for how to use the resources—**Verse 14-18**
 - A. Truth—the Word of God—**Verse 14a**

 - B. Righteousness (the decision to obey God regardless of circumstances)—**Verse 14b**

- C. Gospel of Peace (solidly anchored in the fact that Jesus Christ is Lord, died, buried, and rose again for our sin)—**Verse 15**

- D. Shield of Faith (trusting and taking God at His Word—satisfied in what God said and therefore not deterred by what you feel or see)—**Verse 16**

- E. Helmet of Salvation (secure in the fact that I am saved by the blood of Jesus and no one can take me out of the Father's hand)—**Verse 17a**

- F. Sword of the Spirit (the Word of God—always using the Word of God to deal with the enemy—not logic of your thoughts)—**Verse 17b**

- G. Praying in the Spirit (communicating with God according to His Word, listening and responding immediately to His directions)—**Verse 18**