

## **5-B** The Fight

**EPH 6:10** 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 (methodeia). 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 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. 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 (soterion) and the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, which is the WORD (rhema) 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. 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.

1. **1TI 6:12** FIGHT the good FIGHT OF THE FAITH. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
2. **MAT 11:12** From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been FORCEFULLY advancing, and FORCEFUL men lay hold of it. (violent in KJV)
3. **REV 12:11** They OVERCAME him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the WORD of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.
4. **LUK 9:23** Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. 25 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?
5. **2CO 10:3** For though we live in the world, we do not WAGE WAR as the world does. 4 The WEAPONS we FIGHT with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
6. **2TI 2:24** And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that OPPOSE THEMSELVES; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.
7. **EPH 2:1** And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, THE SPIRIT WHO NOW WORKS IN THE SONS OF DISOBEDIENCE, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

### **What you THINK is What you SAY is What you DO is Who you ARE**

8. **PRO 23:7** For as he THINKETH in his heart, so is he. ....
9. **ROM 12:2** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your MIND. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. 3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.
10. **MAT 16:8** But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you REASON among yourselves because you have brought no bread?" 9 "Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up? 10 "Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up?"
11. **MAR 2:5** When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." 6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and REASONING in their hearts, 7 "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they REASONED thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you REASON about these things in your hearts?" 9 "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'?" 10 "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic, 11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"
12. **2CO 4:3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the MINDS of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

13. 2CO 11:3 But **I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your MINDS may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.**

**The battle must be won in the spiritual realm BEFORE the results manifest in the natural realm !!!**

14. PHI 4:6 **Be careful (anxious) for nothing; but in every thing (situation) by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.** 7 And **the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and MINDS** through Christ Jesus.
15. HEB 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,** 2 **Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;** who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For **consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and FAINT IN YOUR MINDS.**
16. 2CO 2:10 If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, 11 **in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his SCHEMES.**
17. JAM 3:2 We all stumble in many ways. **If anyone is never at fault in what he SAYS, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.** 3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 **The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.**
18. 1JO 5:3 **This is love for God: to obey his commands.** And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for **EVERYONE born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our FAITH.** 5 **Who is it that overcomes the world? ONLY he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.**
19. ISA 54:17 **no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.** This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me,” declares the LORD.
20. ISA 40:31 but **those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.**

Characteristics of the ARMORED Christian	Characteristics of the NAKED (Unarmored) Christian
1. Studies, Knows and Obeys the Word of God.	1. Neglects study of Word; Is not obedient to the Word.
2. Fixes Mind on Word, and casts down every evil thought.	2. Double-minded; cannot decide whether circumstances or God’s Word should be believed.
3. Avoids any murmuring or complaining. Speaks <b>POSITIVE.</b>	3. Murmurs and complains; whines and has Pity Parties. Offended if others don’t join. Speaks & acts <b>NEGATIVE.</b>
4. Fixes eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our Faith.	4. Fixes eyes on circumstances, away from Word or Christ.
5. Speaks what the <b>WORD</b> says in <b>EVERY</b> situation.	5. Speaks the <b>PROBLEM</b> in every circumstance.
6. Prays without ceasing, using the Promises of God’s Word.	6. Rarely prays, or constantly prays the problems.
7. Keeps a tight rein on the tongue. Quick to hear, slow to speak.	7. No control over the tongue. Quick to speak, slow to hear.
8. Quick to repent of sin, quick to forgive others.	8. Slow to repent of sin, slow to forgive. Concentrates on sins of others; can’t see the logs in their own eyes.
9. Understands that their struggle is NOT against flesh & blood.	9. Thinks their struggle is against flesh & blood (other people).
10. Prays much for others, then self.	10. Prays mostly or only for self.
11. Avoids Gossip. Will not listen to gossip.	11. Gossips. Listens to gossip.
12. Knows that the battle is the LORD’s, that He is the victory!	12. Tries to fight on their own, in the power of the flesh.
13. Stays full of the Spirit.	13. Stays full of the flesh.
14. Active in witnessing and sharing the gospel message.	14. Does not witness or share what God is doing for them.
15. Overcomes evil with good.	15. Is overcome with evil, sin, and fear.
16. Active in church and fellowship with believers.	16. Neglects church attendance and fellowship w/ believers.
17. Goes from victory to victory.	17. Goes from failure to failure.
18. Says <b>I CAN DO</b> all things thru Christ who strengthens me.	18. Says <b>I CAN’T DO IT</b> , it’s too hard for me!
19. Runs to God when attacked by Satan.	19. Runs from God when attacked by Satan.
20. Remembers he/she is the righteousness of God in Christ.	20. Constantly feel condemned and unrighteous.
21. Forgets his/her past sins.	21. Constantly remembers past sins and failures.
22. Walks by Faith, not by sight or feelings.	22. Walks by sight and feelings, rather than faith.
23. Speaks of things that appear not as though they already are.	23. Speaks of things as they appear in the natural to be.
24. ‘We are well able to enter and <b>TAKE</b> the promised land.’	24. ‘We can’t, there are <b>GIANTS</b> in the land.’

25. Is More than a Conqueror in Christ Jesus!! WINS battles over the circumstances of life

25. Is constantly overcome by Satan, the world, and the Circumstances of life.