

STAND

Ephesians 6:10-18

Be Strong - in the Lord - in the power of His might

Put on the Armor of God – STAND (4 times in passage)

- against Wiles of devil (2 Cor 10:3-5) - wrestle: not against people

(1Co 15:57-58) ⁵⁷But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

We don't have to win. Jesus already did!

We just have to stand. DON'T BE MOVED.

Devil tries to move us off our position in Christ. How?

(2Co 11:3) ³But 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.

(Col 2:4) ⁴Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words.

(Col 2:8) ⁸Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

(2Ti 4:3-5) ³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

⁴and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. **But you be watchful**...

(1Co 16:13) ¹³Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

(2Th 2:15) ¹⁵Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.

How? Seven parts of Armor

ends with “be Watchful with Perseverance”

1. Truth – ya gotta love it

(2Th 2:9-10) ⁹The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

2. Righteousness – ya gotta pursue it (imputed 2 Cor 5:21)

(1Ti 6:11) ¹¹But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness...

Devil uses unrighteousness to move us. (drift)

3. Gospel of Peace – know Who you know (Relationship)

Reconciled to God, Ambassador Ministry (2 Cor 5:12-21)

(Rev 6:15-17) ¹⁵And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷“For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

Stand against the devil so you can stand before God.

4. Faith – believe Jesus Christ!

Items 5-7 deal with darts

5. Salvation – know what you have (too much to list)

(Rev 21:6-7) ⁶And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷“He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

6. Word – know how to fight back (Jesus example in Matthew 4)

7. Prayer in the Spirit – know the spirit realm (where battle is)

tongues (1 Cor 14:15)

(2Co 5:7) ⁷For we walk by faith, not by sight.

(Jude 20) ²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,