

Call to Duty – Spiritual Warfare – 3

No Slide: Ephesians 6:11

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

- People are not the enemy
- We wrestle with principalities that try to distract us from focusing on the author of our faith – Jesus
- 4 times STAND is repeated

The devil does not have the same attributes as God

God is omniscient – all knowing

God is omnipotent – all powerful

God is omnipresent – Everywhere all the time

No Slide: 1 John 2:15-16

Lust of the flesh – Lust of the eyes – Pride of life

The Enemy will tempt us most often with...

Money – Power – Sex

No Slide: 1 Corinthians 10:1-11

- Don't be ignorant of our fathers – our admonition
- Lusted – became idolaters – Sexually immoral
- Complained about leaders and lusted for power

Matthew 6:24

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. NKJV

Go for the gold but don't let your worship change from
God to the things of the world
Keep your heart and motive sincere
Get in the habit of asking...

Why am I doing this?
– Stop what you're doing – And then pause for the answer
You will grow old and wealthy and godly

Money is not bad but the love of money is

1 Timothy 6:10

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. NKJV

Temptations are not constant – remember the devil departed until and opportune time

4 Times were prone to temptation

When you're tired

Marketers know to advertise between 9-10PM

Most vulnerable to buy things we don't need

When you're hungry – buying things on your way home

When were lonely – you make mistakes – don't isolate

When were traumatized – lost a loved one, lost a job

When you're tempted God will give you the way of escape

1 Corinthians 10:13

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. NKJV

James 4:7

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. NKJV

Hebrews 4:15-16

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin . 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. NKJV

- Have grace on yourself when you blow it
- Jesus was faithful for us!
- He is without sin – For us!
- Receive the mercy and the grace He has extended

Psalms 103:12-14

12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

13 As a father pities his children,
So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

14 For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust. NKJV

The Belt of Truth

When Paul wrote he was referencing a roman soldier's armor and using it as a picture of our spiritual weapons

Ephesians 6:14 NKJV

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth.

- The belt holds the swords scabbard
- It holds smaller daggers
- It also would hold your pants up
- How can you fight with your pants down?
- How can you fight with one hand holding up your pants?
- The belt holds all the other armor together
- How can I live a spiritually bold life?

Proverbs 28:1

1 The wicked flee when no one pursues,
But the righteous are bold as a lion. NKJV

The belt is the truth of the word of God
If I don't have much truth in my life I won't be able to hold
the armor together

John 8:32

32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make
you free." NKJV

We wrestle with darkness – truth expels darkness

Psalm 119:130

130 The entrance of Your words gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple. NKJV

Remodeling our bathroom in our first house
It's in the darkness where ants and spiders and scorpions
and snakes dwell – When exposed to the light they scatter

It's like that in the areas of our minds where the light of
Gods word has not transformed our thinking
You may be free in your right standing
Yet you are bound in the area of finances or healing
When we are in the dark that is where **fear and doubt enter**

The more truth you receive the more victory you will see
manifest in your life – The truth sets you free

Matthew 12:20

20 A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He
will not quench, till He sends forth justice to **victory**; NKJV

Isaiah 42:3

3 A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He
will not quench; He will bring forth justice for **truth**. NKJV

Truth and Victory are synonymous once you know the truth
you walk in victory

We can not be ignorant of the Devils devices

2 Corinthians 2:11

11 lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices. NKJV

- Pain in your body – your going to die
- Someone is talking to someone and looking at you
 - they must be talking trash about me
- A whisper says your spouse doesn't love you anymore
 - you become suspicious

You and I need to build up our fear “*trust*” in the Lord or we will fear everything else

Fear causes us to make decisions and become exactly what we fear

When we do not have a revelation of our identity in Him we will be prone to thoughts that question our value or purpose

- God is pleased with you!
- God has a purpose for you!

Romans 8:37

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. NKJV

2 Corinthians 1:20

20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. NKJV

The Breastplate of Righteousness

Ephesians 6:15

Having put on the breastplate of righteousness, NKJV

- The breastplate is for protecting your heart
- If you get stabbed in the heart chances are you will die
- This is true naturally as well as spiritually
- If the devil can get your heart it will shut down your faith

1 John 3:21

21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. NKJV

- Attacks:
- You call yourself a Christian?
- You are such a hypocrite
- You are a lousy Christian
- You haven't fasted enough
- You haven't read enough Bible chapters
- Always something you have or have not done
- Righteousness is a gift!

Romans 5:17

17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) NKJV

- You are not righteous or unrighteous by your actions – “In Christ”
- It's based on what Christ has done

When we realize that we are righteous sin is destroyed

1 Corinthians 15:34

34 Awake [from your drunken stupor and return] to sober sense and your right minds, and sin no more. For some of you have not the knowledge of God [you are utterly and willfully and disgracefully ignorant, and continue to be so, lacking the sense of God's presence and all true knowledge of Him]. I say this to your shame. AMP

- When I lack the knowledge (power) of the grace of God I live in a sin consciousness
- When I am filled with the knowledge of Him I live righteous (I will not want to sin)

John 16:8-11

8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. NKJV

- I need a savior
- I am righteous
- Judgment has been accomplished

The Holy Spirit is not a “Fault Finder”
He continues to point us back to our righteousness

Philippians 3:9 NKJV

9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.