



BACKGROUND PASSAGE(S): Ephesians 6:10-12; John 15:4-5; Philippians 4:13; 1 Corinthians 2:4; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; 13:4.

KEY VERSE(s): – Ephesians 6:10 - Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Quick recap as Paul begins **Ephesians 6:10** with the word “Finally”

What are 8 qualities that we are given throughout Ephesians that demonstrate a worthy walk?

1. Walk in
2. Walk in
3. Walk in
4. Walk in
5. Walk in
6. Walk in
7. Walk in
8. Walk in

Why are these qualities important for us to understand as we enter into the discussion of spiritual warfare?

What does it mean to be strong in the Lord and how are we strengthened as believers?

Discuss what Paul is speaking about in **Ephesians 6:12** – **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of ^[b]the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.**

Discuss **2 Corinthians 4-5** – and answer the following questions.

What are weapons of warfare (both flesh and spiritual)?

What are some strongholds to which Paul is referring?

How do we destroy arguments and lofty opinions raised against the knowledge of God?

If you are committed to obedient living – you can be sure of this – you will be engaged in an ongoing spiritual battle. What is your game plan for fighting this battle?

What is your “take-away” from this week’s study and **how can it be applied to your daily walk with Christ?**

Perhaps the most common error people make when studying the Bible is to read meaning into the verses as opposed to discovering meaning from proper context. Here is a basic method to use when studying a verse or passage that will help you avoid this. Always begin each time of Bible study with prayer, asking God to help you understand what you are reading correctly.

1) Observation

What does the passage say?

Read the passage then look back to see what the passage is saying. Look for repeated words, key phrases, and cross-references. Think about questions that you have after reading. Allow your curiosity to lead you further in understanding.

Who? What? When? Where? Why? How? What else do you notice?

What other questions arise from the passage?

2) Interpretation

What does the passage mean?

After observing what was said in the text, interpretation seeks to understand what God, through the book's author, is seeking to communicate through this text. Context is crucial to determining the meaning. Outside resources like Bible dictionaries and commentaries can help at this point.

What is the context? Why is the author bringing this up?

What is God saying through this passage?

What is the main point of this passage?

3) Application

How do I need to respond?

It's easy to read through passages, especially those familiar to us, without taking time to stop and think about how we can practically apply the truths we studied.

How should I live my life in light of this passage?

How does this truth compel me to be transformed?

What does it look like to put this into practice?

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."

-James 1:22-25 (NKJV)