

Armor in Christ

Ephesians 6:10-18 AMP In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might. [11] **Put on the full armor of God** [for **His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier**], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places. [13] Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist and stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious]. [14] So stand firm and hold your ground, HAVING TIGHTENED “THE WIDE BAND OF **TRUTH** (personal integrity, moral courage) AROUND YOUR WAIST and HAVING PUT ON THE **BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** (an upright heart [thoughts, desires, emotions; Kardiology 101 [Proverbs 4:23 KJV Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.] see all character/attributes of Christ below), and having strapped on YOUR FEET THE **GOSPEL OF PEACE IN PREPARATION** [to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news]. Above all, lift up the [protective] **SHIELD OF FAITH** with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the **HELMET OF SALVATION**, and the **SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, which is the WORD OF GOD.**

With **all PRAYER** and **PETITION PRAYER** [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] **IN THE SPIRIT**, and with this in view, stay alert with **all perseverance and petition** [interceding in prayer] **for all God’s people.**

BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jesus Christ):

1. Character: **STABILITY** (Emerald stone). **TRUTH**; firmness, solidity, **STEADFASTNESS**, unmovable, **STRENGTH**, **SECURITY**, **SAFETY**, permanence; soundness of mind, balance, rational. **KINDNESS: GOODNESS.**

2. Character: **SELF CONTROL, Gentleness, Forgiveness, Peacefulness, Appropriateness, Discipline**: a cognitive process that is necessary for regulating one's emotions and behavior in the face of temptations and impulses to achieve goals. Hebrews 12:4-13, [Hebrews 12:4-13 NASB You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; [5] and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, “MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; [6] FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.” [7] It is for discipline that you endure; God deals

with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? [8] But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. [9] Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? [10] For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. [11] All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. [12] Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, [13] and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.]

3. Character: **FORTITUDE, COURAGE, BOLDNESS, RESOLVE; FEAR NOT:**
Ephesians 6:10-11 NASB Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. [11] Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 2 Timothy 1:7 NASB For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. Matthew 28:20 KJV Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Isaiah 43:4-5 KJV Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. [5] Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; 1 Corinthians 16:13 KJV Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 2 Timothy.

4. Character: **INDUSTRIOUS, DILIGENT, PERSISTENCE, ORDERLINESS, ACTIVE** business & Spiritually: Genesis 2:15 NASB Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. Ephesians 2:10 NASB For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Colossians 3:17,23 NASB Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. [23] Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 NASB Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more, [11] and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, [12] so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need. John 4:34 NASB Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. John 9:4 NASB We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

5. Character: **PATIENCE; LONG-SUFFERING; Perseverance; PEACEFULNESS; Resolve; Forbearance; Discretion;** Romans 2:4 NASB Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? James 1:2-8 NASB Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, [3] knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. [4] And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. [5] But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. [6] But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. [7] For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, [8] being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Luke 21:19 NASB By your endurance you will gain your lives.

Romans 5:3-5 NASB And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; [4] and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; [5] and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 8:25 NASB But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

Romans 15:4-5 NASB For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. [5] Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,

Galatians 5:22-24 NASB But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. [24] Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

1 Timothy 1:15-17 NASB It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. [16] Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life. [17] Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Ecclesiastes 7:8-10 NASB The end of a matter is better than its beginning; Patience of spirit is better than haughtiness of spirit. [9] Do not be eager in your heart to be angry, For anger resides in the bosom of fools. [10] Do not say, "Why is it that the former days were better than these?" For it is not from wisdom that you ask about this.

Philippians 2:14-16 NASB

Do all things without grumbling or disputing; [15] so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, [16] holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

2 Timothy 4:1-2,7 NASB

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: [2] preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. [7] I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NASB

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, [5] does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, [6] does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; [7] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Proverbs 19:11 NASB

A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.

6. Character: **LOYAL, FAITHFULNESS, OBEDIENCE, DEVOTION.** Colossians 3:23; 1 Thessalonians 5:24; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:13; Hebrews 2:17; Hebrews 10:23; 1 John 1:9.

7. Character: **JUSTICE, FAIRNESS,** Isaiah 45:21, 25; Isaiah 59:12-21; Psalm 37: Psalm 82:3; Acts 3:14;

8. Character: **SHARE, GENEROSITY,** Genesis 1:22; Genesis 12:2; Proverbs 11:25-26; Proverbs 22:9; Isaiah 52:11; 1 Timothy 6:17-18;

9. Character: **ZEALOUS FOR FREEDOM, LIBERTY, DIS-ENTANGLEMENT** Proverbs 14:7; Proverbs 1:1-2; Titus 2:14; Revelation 3:19; Acts 22:3; Proverbs 4: 20-27; 1 Timothy 6:10-11

10. Character: **VIRTUE, COMPASSION, MERCY, LOVE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, MORALITY, INTEGRITY, DIGNITY, RECTITUDE, HONOR, DECENCY, RESPECTABILITY, NOBILITY, PURITY (like Christ)** no compromise with evil. Genesis 37:2;

11. Character: **COMPOSURE; INNER PEACE; CALM; TRANQUILE;** Genesis 49:23-24; Forgive the guilty. My forgiveness has nothing to do with God's forgiveness of that person. Matthew 18:21-22.

12. Character: **GRATITUDE; GRATEFULNESS; THANKSGIVING; SELFLESSNESS; promotes HUMILITY & WORSHIP OF GOD;**

Paul from tribe of Benjamin. 1 Timothy 1:12; Psalm 95:2; Psalm 50:14-15 – Offer God thanksgiving; Right hand Power of God.