

A Time for War

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1. Scriptural base camp for this series:

Book: *Ephesians* Author: *Paul*

Chapters 1-3: Doctrinal and our position in Christ.

Most repeated phrase: "in Christ" Chapters 4-6: Practical application.

2. The War of the Warrior Princess Ephesians 6:10-12

- a. The war is not: <u>against flesh</u> and <u>blood</u> / other people.
- b. The war is: $\underline{against}$ \underline{Satan} and his $\overline{demonic}$ \underline{forces} .

3. The Priorities of the Warrior Princess

- a. <u>Be</u> <u>strong</u> in the Lord. Ephesians 6:10
- b. Put on the full armor of God. Ephesians 6:11
- c. Be <u>careful</u> and <u>be</u> <u>wise</u> be wise. Ephesians 5:15
- d. Make the most of your time. Ephesians 5:16
- e. Understand God's will. Ephesians 5:17
- f. Be filled with the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 5:18
- g. Suffer <u>hardship</u> as a <u>good soldier</u>. 2 Timothy 2:3
- h. Do not get entangled/entwined in "civilian affairs." 2 Timothy 2:4
- i. <u>Dress</u> for <u>battle</u> <u>daily</u>. Ephesians 6:11

Proverbs 31:17 (ESV)

She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong."

Proverbs 31:17 (AMP)

"She girds herself with strength [spiritual, mental, and physical fitness for her God-given task] and makes her arms strong *and* firm."

Proverbs 31:17 (MSG)

First thing in the morning, she dresses for work, rolls up her sleeves, eager to get started."

4. The Power of the Warrior Princess Psalm 18

- a. God will <u>arm</u> you with <u>strength</u> for every <u>battle</u>.
- b. God will subdue your enemies.

5. The Promise to the Warrior Princess Psalm 91

- a. God will <u>rescue</u> and <u>protect</u> you.
- b. b. God's angels will protect and <u>hold you up</u>.
- c. God will *perfect*, confirm, *strengthen*, and establish you -- He will *rescue* you! *1 Peter 5:8-10*





Warfare 101: Top 5 Essentials for Everyday Combat

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A Warrior Princess Must:

- **1.** Know her *enemy*.
 - a. Satan's *past*: Ezekiel 28:12-17, Isaiah 14:11-14
 - b. Satan's present: 1 Peter 5:8, Ephesians 2:2-3
 - c. Satan's *future*: Isaiah 14:15, Revelation 20:10
- 2. Know her enemy's tactics.
 - a. "Devil" means: deceiver. 1 Timothy 2:14, Revelation 12:9
 - b. "Satan" means: slanderer / liar. John 8:44
 - c. Primary battlefield: <u>your</u> <u>mind</u>. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
 - d. His camouflage: angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11:14
 - e. His goal: to <u>steal</u>, <u>kill</u>, and <u>destroy</u>. John 10:10, John 8:44, Luke 8:5, 11-12
 - f. He does not have <u>absolute</u> <u>power</u> and <u>authority</u>. Job 1:6-12, 2:1-7, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
 - g. He \underline{tempts} us to \underline{stn} . Luke 4:1-13, Luke 22:31
 - h. He <u>hinders</u> and attempts to thwart and <u>impede</u> God's plan for our lives. 1 Thessalonians 2:18

"Satan's will for you is to defeat the will of God for you at any moment of your life."

J. Dwight Pentecost, Your Adversary The Devil

- **3.** Know and $\underline{practice}$ her $\underline{priorities}$. Matthew 6:33, 2 Corinthians. 11:3
- 4. Know God's Word . Luke 4:1-13
- **5. Know** and practice her most effective <u>defense</u>: <u>resist</u> the enemy. How? By <u>standing firm</u> in your <u>faith</u>. Luke 4:1-13, 1 Peter 5:8-9, James 4:7





Dressing for Battle

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Why do I need to dress for battle?

So that I will be able to <u>stand firm</u> against the <u>schemes</u> of the <u>devil</u>. Ephesians 6:10-14

What do I wear to battle?

- 1. The belt of truth. Ephesians 6:14
- 2. The breastplate of righteousness. Ephesians 6:14
- 3. The gospel shoes of peace. Ephesians 6:15
- 4. The **<u>shield</u>** of **<u>faith</u>**. Ephesians 6:16
- 5. The helmet of salvation. Ephesians 6:17
- 6. The <u>Sword</u> of the <u>Spirit</u>. Ephesians 6:17
- 7. <u>Prayer</u> and <u>intercession</u>. Ephesians 6:18





Wisdom for the Warrior Princess

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Wisdom from War Veterans:

- 1. Joshua When Satan assails your faith with challenging circumstances:
 - a. Be <u>strong</u> and <u>courageous</u>; do not <u>tremble</u> or be <u>dismayed</u>. Joshua 1:6-7, 9
 - b. Be careful to *obey all* that God has *commanded* you. *Joshua* 1:7-8
 - c. **Promise:** The Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9
- 2. David When you are knocked down, losing hope, and paralyzed with fear:
 - a. Run to God; pray, pray, pray; and trust, trust, trust. Psalm 31:1, 143:1, 6, 8-9
 - b. Remember God's great Works on your behalf. Psalm 143:5
 - c. **Promise**: The Lord is your \underline{rvvk} , your $\underline{fvrtress}$, your savior, and protector. Psalm 31:3, 18:2
- **3.** *Jehushaphat* When Satan threatens you with *terrifying news*, and you don't know what to do:
 - a. Ask God for $\underline{guidance}$, and ask others to \underline{fast} and \underline{pray} with you. 2 Chronicles 20:1-4
 - b. <u>Sing praise</u> to the Lord. 2 Chronicles 20:20, 22-24
 - c. **Promise:** Do not be discouraged, for the battle is not yours but the Lord's. 2 Chronicles 20:15
- **4.** Nehemiah When Satan tries to discourage and prevent you from doing God's will:
 - a. $\underline{Don't}$ be \underline{afraid} of the \underline{enemy} ; remember the Lord who is great and fight. Nehemiah 4:14
 - b. Be <u>dressed</u> for <u>battle</u> and carry your <u>weapons</u> at all times. Nehemiah 4:23
 - c. **Promise:** You are not <u>alune;</u> your God will <u>fight</u> for you! Nehemiah 4:19-20
 - d. Promise: The joy of the Lord is your strength! Nehemiah 8:10
- 5. <u>Paul</u> When Satan's condemnation tempts you to feel <u>weak</u> and <u>insecure</u>:
 - a. Remember that <u>God</u> is <u>FOR</u> <u>you</u>. Romans 8:31
 - b. Remember that <u>NOTHING</u> can ever <u>separate</u> <u>you</u> from <u>God's</u> <u>love</u>. Romans 8:38-39
 - c. **Promise:** Overwhelming victory is ours through Christ Jesus. Romans 8:37

