

Weapons of War: Ephesians 6

John Crawford

I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Ephesians 6:9.
- B. The command is to put on the whole armor of God.
- C. There is a battle going on - Satan against God. Satan was defeated when Jesus was on the cross but the battle is still raging among men as a mop up operation. (Colossians 2:14-15)
- D. God supplies the armor.
- E. The enemy likes to strike any open place.

II. Truth is a weapon.

- A. Truth is absolute.
- B. Truth never changes - right is always right.
- C. We put on the armor of God to battle the deceit of the Devil.
- D. The truth is simple. (2 Corinthians 11:3)
- E. Just a small amount of doubt can twist the truth. (Psalm 1:3)
- F. The least prerequisite to know truth is to know Jesus Christ as Savior. (John 14:6)
- G. We are to trust the Lord and not the flesh. (Jeremiah 17:5, Proverbs 3:5-6)
- H. We lean on the flesh too much. God was Abraham's shield. (Genesis 15, Jeremiah)
- I. We want to be someone who produces fruit for God year after year. (Jeremiah 17:8, Proverbs 19:22)

III. Righteousness.

- A. This means doing right. (Matthew 7:12)
- B. Do you care for the property of others?
- C. Have you offended anyone without apologizing? (Ephesians 4:26)
- D. Live a clean life. (Job 17:9)

IV. Faith.

- A. Faith protects.
- B. Blind Bartameus was given physical and spiritual sight.
- C. A Christian is a person that has Jesus Christ in his heart, and there are not many real Christians. The Christian is supposed to share. (1 John 5:11-12, Matthew 7:13, Matthew 28:19-20, Isaiah 55:9)
- D. Logic does not win a person - the Bible incites faith in nonbelievers.
- E. Fight the good fight of faith.

Application questions

1. What is our role in the battle between Satan and God?

2. How is truth twisted in our culture today? How does one graciously address this?

3. What areas are you slipping in your personal righteousness? What will you do differently today to start living a clean life again?
