

# **The Infallible Posture**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Ephesians 6:10-20.

B. All of our great struggles are a manifestation of the conflict with spiritual powers and principalities.

## II. The answer to spiritual powers.

A. Put on the whole armor of God.

1. This is realizing what we are to Christ and what Christ is to us.

2. It is reckoning oneself dead to sin and alive to God.

B. Pray. One must talk to God about the problems and lean on His help.

## III. The key is to stand.

A. This means to refuse to give up ground.

B. Stand reveals the intensity of the struggle in which we are involved.

C. The problems of the world are only getting worse despite how things appear.

D. God permits hardship in order that the false believers will be exposed.

E. Stand indicates that the believer is on the defense--the proper defense will win the day.

1. The enemy is trying to deceive us as to what we have.

2. All of what we need has been given to us by God, and we must hold onto this. (Jude 1)

3. Defense is the greatest offensive action.

4. It is Christians who learn to stand who bring enjoyment to life.

5. It is the fact that the Christian can stand that draws others to him.

F. Victory is certain when one stands in the strength of God.

G. Loneliness and loss are disciplines to temper the spiritual life.

H. The great issue of life is whether we can overcome or not.

**Application questions:**

1. What does the speaker mean when he says, “defense is the greatest offensive action?” Explain.

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2. Do you think most Christians are aware of the spiritual war around them? How should an awareness of this change the way a person goes about life?

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3. What does it look like to stand in the strength of God? Give some examples.

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