

## Breastplate and Shoes - Lord, Is It Warfare - Lesson 9

Immorality	Our Position
<p>Immorality = against the law - not conforming to accepted standards of morality (rules) = distinction between right and wrong, good and bad</p> <p>Biblically defined as sexual immorality - an outward expression of a heart condition that has thrown off the confines of laws governing right and wrong (porneia = pornography)</p> <p>Ro 1:18-32 - where does immorality start?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- they suppressed the truth of God</li> <li>- They knew God but didn't honor Him or give thanks</li> <li>- They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshipped the creation instead of the Creator</li> <li>- I Cor 6:9-11; 18-20</li> <li>- Eph 5:1-13 - walk in light</li> <li>- I Cor 5:1-5 - deal with immorality</li> </ul> <p>We will be judged by the word of God (Jn 12:48)</p> <p>We need to live righteously</p>	<p>Old Position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- nothing but a sinner (Eph 2:1-3)</li> <li>- Helpless (Ro 5:6)</li> <li>- Ungodly (Ro 5:6)</li> <li>- Without hope (Eph 2:12)</li> <li>- His enemy (Ro 5:10)</li> <li>- If we don't change we will be eternally separated from God (II Thes 1:9)</li> </ul> <p>New Position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- God has justified you (Gal 2:16)</li> <li>- When you repented you were immediately transferred from the domain of darkness to His glorious kingdom (Col 1:13)</li> <li>- You were declared righteous (Ro 3:22; Phil 3:9)</li> <li>- All your sins - past, present, and future were forgiven (I Jn 1:9)</li> <li>- We were given the promise of the Holy Spirit who indwells us and causes us to walk in His ways - He is a gift to every child of God - without Him we cannot be righteous (Ez 36:27) - through Jesus we become the righteousness of God (II Cor 5:21)</li> <li>- Satan no longer has the power of sin and death over you (He 2:14)</li> <li>- We have been given the breastplate of righteousness</li> </ul> <p>PUT IT ON</p>

The Breastplate	Walk In Righteousness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- covers the vital organs</li> <li>- Usually made of metal</li> <li>- Satan will try to keep us from putting this on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep reminding us of our sins</li> <li>Remind us of what we have confessed</li> <li>God can't use you</li> <li>Our sin is just too terrible</li> </ul> </li> <li>- if we go into battle without our breastplate our vital organs are exposed (Ro 8:1-2, 31-39)</li> <li>- Stand with your breastplate on and remember <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) God has placed His righteousness on us through His Son</li> <li>2) Jesus' death imparted life to us through His Spirit</li> <li>3) God doesn't condemn us</li> <li>4) God doesn't accuse - Satan does (Rev 12:10)</li> <li>5) God convicts of sin and seeks to lead us to repentance</li> <li>6) Jesus sits at the right hand of God to make intercession for us (He 12:2; 7:25)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>We need to accept that we have been made righteous When we doubt these truths - it is sin - repent - not give Satan a foothold</p> <p>Not to walk as the Gentiles walk - in sin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- lay aside the old self putting on Christ - Covenant terminology</li> <li>- Eph 4:17-19 - don't walk in the futility of mind</li> <li>- Eph 4:22-24 - lay aside the old to put on the new - truth</li> <li>- Eph 4:25-32 - lay aside falsehood - speak truth, deal with anger, put on edifying speech</li> <li>- Ro 6:6 - crucify the old - we are no longer slaves to sin</li> <li>- Col 3:9-11 - put on the new - renewed to truth</li> <li>- II Cor 5:16-17 - new creature - new things have come</li> <li>- James 1:19-25 - receive and be doers of the word</li> </ul> <p>Eph 4:26-27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- by not dealing with sin we give Satan an opportunity in our life</li> <li>- Opportunity = topos #G5117 - a place, spot, space, power, an occasion for action - particularly a scabbard (holds a sword) - we are arming Satan to take up war against us - by giving him a place of occupancy</li> </ul>

Feet Shod With Peace	Robbed of Peace by Anger
<p>Someone stand in peace (with God and others) can withstand about any onslaught</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- shod our feet = strap on or bind under</li> <li>- Prepared to take peace into the world - going into enemy territory</li> <li>- Ro 10:15 - take the Gospel to those who need to hear it</li> <li>- Bring peace to people (Eph 1:2; 2:14-17; 4:3; 6:23)</li> <li>- Ro 12:18 - do the best that you can as it depends on you to bring peace</li> </ul> <p>Phil 4:4-9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rejoicing</li> <li>- Gentle spirit - #G1933 - epieikes - suitable, equitable, fair, mild - contentment with others and generosity toward others with mercy of leniency toward the faults and failures of others - it is graciousness with humility</li> <li>- Anxious for nothing - complete trust in God</li> </ul> <p>PEACE OF GOD will guard our hearts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- think on things pleasing to God and practice what is right</li> </ul> <p>GOD OF PEACE will be with you</p>	<p>4 things that rob you of peace - anger, unforgiveness, bitterness, depression</p> <p><b>Anger - is not a sin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eph 4:26 - be angry and do not sin</li> <li>- There is a righteous anger - examples - God and Jesus</li> <li>- We should not be passive about sin - but have a righteous anger</li> <li>- Anger is an emotion - emotions can't rule us (Gal 5:19-20)</li> <li>- the deeds of the flesh show the flesh is in control and not the Spirit</li> <li>- James 1:20 - the anger of man doesn't achieve the righteousness of God - our emotions rule and then we act immorally</li> </ul> <p><b>Harboring anger is a sin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I Peter 2:21-25 - anger needs to be given to God for Him to handle</li> <li>- Eph 4:26 - don't let the sun go down on your wrath - don't give Satan an opportunity (Eph 4:27)</li> </ul> <p><b>Define anger</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- mood, violent irritation, strong feeling of annoyance, displeasure, or hostility</li> <li>- Frustration is anger over not being able to change or achieve something</li> <li>- Expressed by hiding oneself from others, flaming looks, harmful words, inconsiderate actions</li> </ul> <p>Ps 139:23-24 - Ask God to search you and expose anger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- follow God - forgiveness, faith, obedience</li> <li>- We can be free from our past</li> </ul>

Robbed of Peace by Unforgiveness	Robbed of Peace by Bitterness
<p>Healing begin when we are willing to forgive Eph 4:31-32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- if we are unwilling to put away bitterness, anger, wrath, malice</li> <li>- If we are unwilling to forgive</li> <li>- We can't put on the sandals of peace</li> </ul> <p>We have the ability to put this away because we laid the old man aside and put on the new</p> <p>God has equipped us to overcome the enemy, but forgiveness is the key</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Col 3:12-15</li> <li>- II Cor 2:5-11</li> </ul> <p>Forgive out of obedience Don't follow your feelings or your flawed human reasoning</p> <p>God is the righteous Judge - entrust ourselves into God's hands</p> <p>Do you want mercy - you need to be merciful</p> <p>Our only defense against Satan is a righteous lifestyle</p>	<p>You will be eaten up from the inside out - rotteness in your bones</p> <p>Comes from not letting go of anger and disappointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- most likely you are angry with God as well</li> <li>- God is in control - He could have changed my circumstances</li> <li>- God didn't answer your prayers to fix it - Ro 8:28 - GOD HAS A PLAN</li> </ul> <p>We harbor bitterness, we lose our peace, give Satan an opening</p> <p>He 12:1-17</p> <p>Meekness is the cure for bitterness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- accepting everything without murmuring or complaining</li> <li>- It was permitted by God and will serve an eternal purpose</li> <li>- Strength under control - Spirit-led choice to restrain power, rights, and anger - replacing them with humility, gentleness and patience</li> </ul>