

Tighten Up the Belt - Lord, Is It Warfare - Lesson 8

The Evil Triad	Our Position and Problem	Our Battle
<p>World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - when Adam and Eve sinned - the kingdoms of the world were handed over to Satan - World became our enemy - World wants us to conform into its mold (Ro 12:2) - We need to be transformed by the renewing of our mind through the Word of God <p>Flesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - before we were saved we walked according to the flesh (Eph 2:1-3) - When the Holy Spirit takes up residence within us - the battle begins - Gal 5:16 - walk by the Spirit so we will not carry out the desire of the flesh - Flesh is flesh and it is not redeemed - it will always lust - but we are to rule over it <p>Satan is behind all of this</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he governs the world as the tempter - appealing to our flesh - You must resist him 	<p>Eph 1-3 - position of a person saved by grace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - members of Christ's body - Resurrection power (dynamos = dynamite) - Seated in the heavenlies - above all rule, power, and authority - Nothing can alter our position - Position is one thing - living it out is another <p>Eph 4-6 - how we live this out in our lives everyday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - we live on the earth with flesh - Bodies have appetites that we are not supposed to give in to - Walk in a manner pleasing to God's calling on our lives (Eph 4:1-3; Col 1:10; I Thes 2:12) - Members of a new family - essential to walk in love that covers - Put on Christ and put off the old self - If we are filled with the Holy Spirit then we have the power to treat others properly - We are seated above the enemy - but we are battling with him every day - Stand firm in the Lord and put on the full armor of God 	<p>Until Jesus comes or He takes us home we will be engaged in a relentless battle/struggle/wrestle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pale #G3823 - hand-to-hand combat - Close quarters - participants try to throw and subdue one another - wrestling - Wrestling characterized by trickery, cunning, strategy - jockeying for position <p>Enemy's Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Destroy our unity with God, the body of Christ, and with our family - God has abandoned you (Jn 6:35-40) - Separate from God (Ro 8:31-38) - Submit to God (James 4:5-10) 2. Entice you to sin so that he can gain a place in your life as a child of God 3. Lead you into false teaching

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Preparation for Battle	6 "S's" of our Position	Practice Positional Living
<p>Eph 1:15-23; 3:14-21 - be strong in the Lord and the strength of His might and in His power</p> <p>Put on the full armor of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - panoplia #G3833 - individual pieces that make up a whole - no gaps in the armor - When you entered the kingdom of God you were given the armor for battle - Ultimate victory over the enemy was assured - You must put on each piece if you are going to win the battle - Stand firm (6:11, 13, 14) - military term - hold your position 	<p><u>Selected</u> by God Eph 1:4 - He chose us</p> <p><u>Saved</u> by God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eph 1:7 - redeemed by the blood of His Son - He 2:14 - death no longer has power over us - Job 1:10 - God puts a hedge around us <p><u>Sealed</u> by God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise (Eph 1:13; 4:30) - He who began a good work in me will be faithful to complete it (Phil 1:6) <p><u>Seated</u> in the heavenlies (Eph 2:6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - excellent vantage point for war - high ground is a military plus <p><u>Secure</u> in Him</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - part of God's household (Eph 2:19) - Members of His body (Eph 3:6) - His children <p><u>Strength</u> through God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eph 3:16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - we are dead to sin - Free from slavery - Those who walk in the Spirit will not sin - We still sin WHY???????? - It can't be a habitual lifestyle of sin <p>BUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - we get tangled up is so nasty sin and sometimes we stay there for a time - Only God knows our heart - We can't flirt with sin - There is a difference between judging actions and being judgmental - Mt 7:1-6 - He 12:1 - Jude 22

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Satan's Influence	Cleansing of Worldly Things	Paul's Command
<p>Eph 6:12 - battle/wrestling - not against flesh and blood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rulers (principalities) #G746- arche - demons - Powers #G1849 - exousia - authority over mankind - Satan - World forces #G2888 - kosmoskrator - dark way of using the world (sky) to control man - astrology, psychics, horoscopes - Dt 17:2-7 - demonic - Spiritual forces of wickedness #G4189 - ponia - depravity, wickedness, evil, spiritual beings with influence over man MTV, pornography, sex trafficking, sexual perversion, horror movies, violence, brutality <p>Wickedness in operation in our world</p> <p>Harry Potter - taught to millions of children</p>		

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Having Girded Your Loins with Truth	Gird your Minds for Action	You Have a Choice