

## The Christian's Warfare

### Ephesians 6:10-20

Intro: "Live happily ever after!"

Text: Grave mistake to think in conversion all trouble and strife cease.

### LIFELONG WARFARE

6:10 "be strong --- in the Lord *pour power in me* source

STRENGTH MIGHT

#### I. Against Powerful Forces of Wickedness. (v.11-12)

ILL – Military strength and capabilities

"We Wrestle" – Devil – Principalities

Against God – Bring war into heavenly realm – Spirit world

Schemes of the Devil method place power time the evil day

#### II. Wearing God's Armor (v.13-17)

ILL Flu Shot snake guard coat common sense

Believers' Protection – Whole armor of God

TO STAND (emphasis)

Belt of Truth – Kept clothing next to body –

God's truth

Breastplate of righteousness – covered the body – protects the heart

Sandals of the gospel readiness peace with God – readiness

Shield of faith – Great, oblong shield to protect the body

Helmet of Salvation – covered the head and mind

Sword of the Spirit – the word of God Weapon used for both defense and offence

Prayer – “In the Spirit – unselfishly

GOD’S WORD CONSTANT PRAYER

PURPOSE – TO STAND

III. In an Attitude of Prayer (v.18-20)

PRAYER – all inclusive – with all intensity – petition- supplication

Manner – always – in every season – without ceasing

Object – for all saint, fellow soldiers

For Paul – for utterance – boldness

Army on alert      Ambassador on alert

Note: Importance of prayer-

Practice of prayer –

Perseverance of prayer –

Purpose of prayer

CONCLUSION: “WE ALSO PRAY THAT YOU WILL BE STRENGTHENED WITH ALL HIS GLORIOUS POWER SO YOU WILL HAVE ALL THE ENDURANCE AND PATIENCE YOU NEED. MAY YOU BE FILLED WITH JOY ( Col. 1:11, NLT”