

**Spiritual How-to's**  
**How to please the Lord**  
**The Armor of God**  
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**Intro. Hello there, soldier? How's your training going?**

When Jesus saved you, He enlisted you into His army and you entered boot camp for discipleship training and Satan butt-kicking.

2 Tim. 2:4 – as a soldier we no longer get entangled in civilian affairs, but seek to please the one who enlisted us.

So, how are you doing with your training or entanglement & your Satan butt-kicking?

**Our standing orders, as a soldier are to “Overcome every form of evil as a victorious soldier of Jesus the Anointed one.” 2 Tim. 2:3**

**I. How can we overcome every form of evil?** By wearing God's full armor. Let's see what our field training manual has to say about our armor. Ephesians 6:10-18

**There are 3 sections in our armor study.** The Lord's strength, Standing firm & Constant in prayer. Let's check them out...

**A. The Lord's strength v. 10-13** We cannot stand against evil powers in our own strength. Human effort is insufficient and ineffective.

1. God is invincible, and His might is omnipotent
2. We must put on the whole armor of God- His complete equipment for a fully armed soldier. His presence, His power, His ability, His strength
3. Only then can we stand against the devil's schemes, the spiritual rulers & authorities.
  - a. We don't war with human personalities
  - b. God is a Spirit & He supernaturally fits & equips us to fight in the spiritual realm, against spiritual forces/spirits
4. Jesus disarmed the rulers and authorities & put them to public shame.  
Col. 2:15; Eph. 1:19-21
5. We therefore must withstand those evil forces in His victory & spirit

**B. Standing firm v. 14-17 – We stand covered, head to foot, with the spiritual resources He has given to us. His armor.** The picture here is of an individual soldier withstanding an assault, victoriously. Wearing all the armor protects us as well as enables us.

1. Fasten on truth as a **belt = truth** centers us, anchors us, holds us together.

\*\* Character wins the battle, not force. We are girt about with truth

2. **Breastplate of righteousness/holiness** = again character - in our heart.  
Holiness covering and protecting your heart
3. **Stand on your feet, alert & ready to share** the blessings of peace
  - a. not running barefooted
  - b. but protected and supported
4. **Shield of faith** in and for all circumstances = this is how we extinguish attacks
  - a. burning arrows are meant to destroy wood
  - b. so anything wood/earthly in our lives should be cleansed away by God's fire, or the devil will attack it and use it in our lives
5. **Helmet** = Embrace & utilize all of **salvations defenses** & power to protect your thoughts from lies
6. And your only needed **offensive weapon** – the razor-sharp, **spoken Word of God**. We overcome by the blood and The Word!
7. As fully armed soldiers, we wear the belt, breastplate, shoes, shield & helmet  
And we take up the sword. How though???

**C. Constant in prayer v. 18-20** Prayer in the main weapon in spiritual warfare. Prayer directs the Sword, and our feet. Prayer protects our heart and mind. Prayer keeps us warring in the Spirit and not in the flesh.

1. "all" is used 4 times in this passage: all times, all prayer, all perseverance, all saints
2. As soldiers, we pray for truth, we pray for righteousness and holiness, we pray to be alert and ready to share, we pray to increase our faith, we pray the blood of Jesus and the fullness of His power through salvation, we pray words of the scripture and promises from it.
3. Our prayers are enabled by the Spirit
4. AND, if we are weak in prayer, it is because of spiritual attack to strip us of our Power in the Lord's strength
5. In fact, any attempt to distort truth, holiness, alertness, faith or the Word is a spiritual attack against God's soldiers

**II. The evil enemy of your soul seeks to distract and entangle you in worldly affairs & issues**

- A. As soldiers we withstand those distractions through prayer & the pieces of armor
- B. Our aim to please the One who enlisted us.
- C. So again, I ask, how's your training going, soldier?