



The Book of Ephesians

Lesson 6: Chapter 6 – Demonstration – Exercising our authority

1. Relationship between children and parents

The picture that Paul paints in this chapter is one of people who relate to each other, not based on their social or financial status, but rather on the basis of promoting the Gospel.

As a believer, the reason you are friends with some of your dearest friends is because you have an agenda – you and your friends want to promote the Gospel.

The promotion of the Gospel binds our hearts together in whatever we are doing and causes us to cherish those relationships beyond just the familiar benefits and blessings of a friendship.

Ephesians 6:1

Ephesians 6:1 – Amplified Bible

CHILDREN, OBEY your parents in the Lord [as His representatives], for this is just and right.

Ephesians 6:2, 3

Ephesians 6:2, 3 show us the commandment with a promise. Obedience to your parents will cause you to live longer.

Ephesians 6:4

Raising children is more than just spanking.

It is nurture (KJV) and training. _____

2. Relationships in work

Ephesians 6:5-9

We are all servants to someone.

All Christians are servants of God.

Those in places of position must realize that there are those above them also.

3. The whole armor of God

Ephesians 6:10

The word “finally” means the _____

This is an amazing thought. The Book of Ephesian contains many important things, including spiritual knowledge and doctrine. But what we are about to study in Ephesians 6 is more important than anything else we have learned.

It is also important to note that Ephesians six, which deals with the armor of God and spiritual warfare, cannot be practiced without an understanding of chapters one through five. This is especially true of the revelation of our authority in chapters one and two.

Paul talks about the schemes of the enemy and walking in victory by having the full armor of God. Paul is letting us know that what we are dealing with is demonic opposition against the Church.

The Church is the enemy’s worst nightmare. If your local church is able to function anything close to the biblical instruction for the Church, then that is a nightmare for hell and there will be demonic pushback against it.

Definition of STRONG: Explosive strength, ability, and power that is being deposited into some type of container, vessel, or receptacle.

We receive this power when we are in the Lord – or when we are in Christ.

Definition of POWER: This word refers to the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead.

Ephesians 6:11

Notice that we are not putting on our own armor. We are to put on God’s armor. This is covenant language. He gives us His armor.

Definition of WILES: _____

Ephesians 6:11-14

In this passage of scripture, we are told to stand several times. In each instance a different Greek word is used.

Ephesians 6:11

Definition of STAND: _____

Verse twelve tells us to wrestle. It also uses the word “against” several times. It means “a face-to-face encounter”.

Ephesians 6:13

Definition of STAND: To be found standing after an after battle.

Ephesians 6:14

Definition of STAND: _____

The structure of demonic spirits is listed in verse twelve.

Ephesians 6:12

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Definition of PRINCIPALITIES: Princes or demon forces that exercise power over a specific territory.

Daniel 10:12, 13

Examples of principalities in the world:

- San Francisco – Homosexuality
- Paris – Lust
- India – Hinduism (Major world religions are principalities: Islam, Buddhism, etc.)

The word “principalities” denotes ancient times. It is used to depict individuals who hold the highest position of rank and authority.

These are the highest-ranking demons who have had their authority since ancient times.

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Definition of POWERS: Authorities; delegated authority; demons over various territories who are given authority to carry out specific orders.

They carry out the orders of the Principalities over them.

- Rulers of darkness

Definition of RULERS OF DARKNESS: _____

In the military these would be considered the troops.

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Definition of WICKED SPIRITS: These are spirits with assignments specifically against the church.

Ephesians 6:15-18

Paul wrote Ephesians while imprisoned and guarded by a Roman soldier.

The Holy Spirit gave Paul the revelation of the armor of God, comparing it to the armor of the Roman soldier.

Every piece of this armor represents certain attitudes that a believer must maintain.

Wearing this armor will cause you to be unhindered in exercising your spiritual authority.

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The belt of truth was the ugliest, most boring, and least noticeable piece of armor.

However, it was the most vital piece of armor because it held all the rest together. The rest of the armor is visible, except for the belt.

The belt represents _____

John 17:17

What is the beginning point of walking in spiritual authority?

Answer: _____

You must have the Word of God dwelling inside of you. Then, the Holy Spirit leads and guides you through the Word.

When you ignore the Word the rest of your spiritual walk falls apart.

- Breast plate of righteousness

It was the most beautiful and most glamorous piece of armor. It went from top of the neck to the knees.

Who you are in Christ must be settled firm inside of you or you will be easy prey for the devil.

This has a two-fold application.

- First, we are the righteousness of God in Christ. We put on His righteousness.
- Secondly, we must live in obedience to the Word of God.

Understanding your righteous position in Christ _____

Condemnation will affect your prayer life negatively.

The breast plate gives you a correct attitude for warfare.

This piece of armor is also offensive. The brass breast plate would cast a blinding glare on the enemy.

Evil forces flee from righteousness.

- Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

Peace does not mean an absence of conflict. It means peace during conflict.

The entire reason for spiritual warfare is for the souls of people. It is so we can preach the Gospel.

If you are not setting aside time to win souls, _____

Preaching the Gospel must be a part of every believer's life, just like tithing, reading your Bible, and praying.

Preaching the Gospel will not happen in your life by accident. You must determine to make it a part of your life.

A Roman soldier's shoes had two parts:

- Greave – a piece of metal that went from the top of the knee to the foot.
- Shoe – extremely dangerous spikes 1-3'' long.

Definition of SHOD: Bound tightly

Preaching the Gospel of Peace (bound tightly to us) gives us a firm footing to fight. We are not moved by what hits us.

Romans 16:20

This shows us that God and you are a team.

Definition of CRUSH: Used to describe smashing and utterly crushing of grapes into wine; snapping, breaking, and crushing bones.

Definition of SHORTLY: How Roman soldiers marched: hard, short, heavy steps. Not just in battle but also down the street.

They were commanded to keep marching and march over top of anyone that got in the way.

This is how we should treat the devil. If he gets in your way, keep moving forward.

- Shield of Faith

Definition of ABOVE ALL: _____

Definition of TAKING: _____

Taking the shield is your choice. You decide to lift your shield by believing and speaking the Word of God.

The shield rested on a small clip on the loin belt.

Romans 10:17

The shield was the shape of a door – wide and long

It was made of six layers of leather. Oil had to be rubbed in every day. This represents a fresh anointing.

The shield was soaked in water before a battle. The reason for this was to quench the fiery arrows of the enemy. When we saturate yourself in the Word of God you build your faith and quench the fiery arrows of the enemy.

Three types of arrows:

- Regular
- Dipped in tar and set on fire
- Combustible fluid which exploded upon impact

An example of this is the arrow hits you saying, “You’re going to die of cancer.”

If you do not get rid of that thought, it will explode.

If you are getting hit with arrows, ask yourself:

- Have I been in the Word?
- Do I have a daily fresh anointing?

Corporate faith of a local church is powerful. Soldiers walk side by side, with their shield latched together.

- Helmet of Salvation

The helmet looked more like a piece of artwork than a helmet (engravings, horsehair).

Your salvation is your most beautiful gift.

The Bible tells us the benefits of salvation.

The helmet is also a picture of the Word renewing your mind and protecting your thinking.

- Sword of the Spirit

The Roman sword was razor sharp on both sides.

The point was turned upward so that a person could be stabbed and then the blade twisted.

It was weapon of murder.

Definition of WORD (Greek: Rhema): Quickened; revelation

The word “Spirit” should have a small “s”. _____

The Word of God is planted in your spirit. The sword of the Spirit is the Word that is already inside of you.

Revelation 1:16

Definition of TWO EDGED: _____

It is a word spoken by God and then by you.

The other parts of the armor are defensive in nature. But the Sword of the spirit is used actively in offense.

The purpose of the armor of God is not so you can be a museum piece. The purpose is so you can stand as you move somewhere. This armor is relevant to people going forward. It is the armor that is given to you so you can preach, not so you can have a nice, quiet life without attack. This armor is designed for going forward.

4. Preaching the Gospel – Our main task**Ephesians 6:18-20**

Prayer can be a weapon, but it is also the battlefield.

After listing the armor of God, Paul writes about prayer. Specifically, that prayer be made for him to be bold in preaching the Gospel.

The Gospel itself was not a mystery. Here Paul is talking about the mystery of the church. The church wears the armor to advance the Gospel.

Verse nineteen shows us three specific things we can pray when praying for our pastor or a preacher who is proclaiming the Gospel.

- For inspired utterance
- _____
- For clarity in Gospel preaching

Ephesians 5:32

This unveiling of the church is great; it's incredible. Paul uses the word "mystery" six times in the book of Ephesians. God wants to reveal this, and Paul asked that people pray for him that the mystery may be revealed.

5. Final greetings to the church in Ephesus**Ephesians 6:21-24**