

Armed and Ready

Part 6 – Sword of the Spirit

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Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

(Ephesians 6:17, New Living Translation)

No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

(Matthew 4:4, NLT)

If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'

(Matthew 4:6, NLT)

The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'

(Matthew 4:7, NLT)

"Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

(Matthew 4:10, NLT)

He [Satan] has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies."

(John 8:44, NLT)

For we are not fighting against flesh and blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world.

(Ephesians 6:12, NLT)

THREE STEPS TO PREPARE TO FIGHT

1. Read God's Word

2. Memorize God's Word.

I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

(Psalm 119:11, NLT)

- **We must have a plan to fight.**

The wise see danger ahead and avoid it, but fools keep going and get into trouble.

(Proverbs 27:12. New Century Version)

- **It is our best weapon.**

3. Use God's Word.

- **When I'm being tempted**

The word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

(Hebrews 4:12, NLT)

You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

(James 1:9, NLT)