

Strong in the Lord
Live Out God's Purpose – Part 6
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Acts 20:29 (ESV) I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

Acts 20:30-31 (ESV) and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert,

1. Stand against spiritual _____

Ephesians 6:10 (ESV) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

Ephesians 6:11 (ESV) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Ephesians 6:12 (ESV) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

2. Put on your spiritual _____

Ephesians 6:13 (ESV) Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:14 (ESV) Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

Ephesians 6:15 (ESV) and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

Ephesians 6:16 (ESV) In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

Ephesians 6:17 (ESV) and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

3. Pray at _____ times

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV) praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

Ephesians 6:19 (ESV) and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Ephesians 6)
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Invite a friend to attend the service next week.
- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Strong in the Lord Study Guide

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Intro. What are Satan's goals in his warfare against the church?

Intro. In what ways do wolves come in and harm churches (Acts 20:29)?

Intro. What kinds of twisted things might people say that cause divisions in churches (Acts 20:30-31)?

1A. What does it mean to be strong in the Lord (Ephesians 6:10)?

1B. What are some of the schemes that the devil uses against believers (Ephesians 6:11)?

1C. Why is it so essential to realize that our warfare is not against people but against demonic forces (Ephesians 6:12)?

1D. Why is it important for Christians to prepare for spiritual battle?

2A. In what ways should believers stand firm (Ephesians 6:13)?

- 2B. How would you put on the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness (Ephesians 6:14)?
- 2C. How does being ready to share the Gospel keep your feet secure in battle (Ephesians 6:15)?
- 2D. In what ways does the shield of faith quench the fiery darts of the devil (Ephesians 6:16)?
- 2E. Describe how the sword of the Spirit functions as an offensive weapon (Ephesians 6:17).
- 2F. Why must we as believers keep a proper balance of the Spirit and the Word? What happens if we focus on only the Spirit or only the Word?
- 3A. How can we pray at all times in the Spirit (Ephesians 6:18)?
- 3B. Why must we pray for other believers in the battle (Ephesians 6:18)?
- 3C. Why is it necessary to pray for boldness in sharing the gospel (Ephesians 6:19)?
- 3D. What are different aspects of prayer that you would like to grow in?