

Armed and Ready

Part 1, Belt of Truth

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Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

(Ephesians 6:11, New Living Translation)

WHY SHOULD I BE ARMED AND READY?

1. We have a real enemy!

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. *(Ephesians 6:12, NLT)*

Then there was war in heaven. . . . the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.

(Revelation 12:7–9, NLT)

2. Satan is a bully.

Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him. *(1 Peter 5:8-9, NLT)*

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. *(James 4:7, NLT)*

3. I need EVERY piece of God's armor to survive.

Put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. *(Ephesians 6:13, NLT)*

HOW DO I GET ARMED AND READY?

Put on the Belt of Truth.

Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth.

(Ephesians 6:14, NLT)

1. Support yourself with truth from God's Word.

Teach them your word, which is truth. *(John 17:17, NLT)*

The word of the Lord will live forever.

(1 Peter 1:25, New Century Version)

2. Strengthen yourself by acting on truth.

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. *(Matthew 7:24, NLT)*

3. Surround yourself with people who tell you truth.

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better.

(Ecclesiastes 4:12, NLT)

H - Have a Heart for people

O - Open your home (or computer)

S - Start the video lesson.

T - Tell a few friends.

Let us discard the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. . . . put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Romans 13:12–14, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

(John 14:6, NLT)