



Reading Ephesians Together Pt 11: The Armor of God Pt 2

Ephesians 6:13-17b

“And take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” –Ephesians 6:17b

LEARNING TO SWING THE SWORD

1. Remember that Christ is the Word.
2. Remember that to build your house on anything other than the Word is to build it on sand.
3. Recognize that by the Spirit, God’s Word has both an encouraging and sanctifying role in the believer.
4. The “sword” is not to be hurled at demons with our words. It is to be internalized and obeyed with our actions!
5. For clarity, when we say we want to be more biblical we are saying we want to rightly understand and obey God’s commands, principles and patterns.

**If you want to walk in victory, walk in the Word! Live it! Speak it! Obey it! Study it!
Teach it! Model every area of your life after it!
Swing that holy sword!**

A PRACTICAL LOOK AT HOW THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT DEFEATS THE ENEMY:

1. If you are married and understand and obey Ephesians 5:22-33, how does the enemy consistently get in? Answer: he simply can’t. He will try, but Spirit-empowered obedience pushes him back!
2. If you are single and obey 1 Cor 7:17-24 and 1 Thess 4:1-8, Satan is constantly defeated!
3. If you build your financial house according to Prov 10:4 (hard work), Prov 22:7 (no debt), Prov 27:23-24 (a budget), Prov 21:20 (saving) and Prov 3:9 (giving), you’ll succeed!
4. If you are wounded, God says “I’ll mend your broken heart!” (Ps 34:18, 147:3)
5. If you are in physical pain, God not only gives you hope for healing (Jam 5:14), but also gives you peace during it! (1 Cor 15; 1 Pet 5:7)
6. If you don’t know how to parent, God says teach your children about me! (Deut 6:1-12; Eph 6:4)
7. If you are in a conflict, God gives you a plan to love your enemy (Matt 5:44), forgive them (Eph 4:32), and even how to speak to them. (Matt 18:15-17; Eph 4:29)
8. If you are fatherless, God says “I’ll be your father and I’ll give you my church and you’ll have lots of surrogate fathers!” (Rom 8:15; Php 2:22)
9. If you are hopeless, He BECOMES your hope! (1 Tim 1:1; Titus 2:13)

**In other words, NO MATTER WHAT the situation is or how the attack comes, the answers are found in the
Word!**

Catechism

Question: Can anyone perfectly keep the commandments of God?

Answer: Since the fall no ordinary man can perfectly keep the commandments of God in this life but breaks them every day in thought, word and action.