

***BATTLE: STANDING FIRM  
IN GOD'S ARMOR***

***PASTOR MIKE YODER • EPHESIANS 6:10-20***



*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.*

**Ephesians 6:10**

*Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*

**Ephesians 6:11**

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

**Ephesians 6:12**

*Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.*

**Ephesians 6:13**

*Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,*

**Ephesians 6:14**

*and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace.*

*In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.*

**Ephesians 6:16**



*Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.*

**Ephesians 6:17**

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

*Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the Gospel,*

**Ephesians 6:19**

*for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.*

# The Context of Battle (6:12)



*and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength*

*He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms,*

*far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.*



*His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,*

*having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.*

*And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross*

**Colossians 2:15**

*in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.*

**Our greatest enemy is not the world we see, corrupt and wicked as it is, but the world we cannot see.**

**John MacArthur**

**We are wasting our time fighting people when we ought to be fighting the devil who seeks to control people and make them oppose the work of God.**

**Warren Wiersbe**

**The Command for  
Readiness (6:10, 11, 13)**



**Some Christians are so self-confident that they think they can manage by themselves without the Lord's strength and armor. Others are so self-distrustful that they imagine they have nothing to contribute to their victory in spiritual warfare.**

**John Stott**



Many Christians blame the devil for things he is innocent of. Most of our problems come from our sinful nature, and it is active enough not to need constant diabolical prodding.

Tom Julien

# The Call to Preparation (6:14–17)



The very existence of the Church...is evidence that the purposes of God are moving triumphantly to their climax. We are not urged to win the victory; rather, to withstand the devil's [schemes] and to stand firm.

**Peter O'Brien**

**There is no believer who cannot deal with Satan on the terms of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ in which he participates as a Christian.**

**John MacArthur**

very Christian has the resources of God's own Holy Spirit within him to free himself from any demonic entanglement, no matter how severe.

**John MacArthur**

**The devil can be resisted since God has provided all the necessary resources for the battle.**

**We must be intentional in putting on the armor of God.  
Every warrior of old put on his armor even though he had  
complete confidence in his general.**

**Tom Julien**

# The Centrality of Prayer (6:18–20)





Prayer is rebellion against the status quo...the inevitability of the ways things are.

**Prayer is the principal means of engaging in conflict with the principalities and powers of evil.**

Prayer is the means of penetrating beyond the veil and infusing spiritual energy into that mysterious domain of spirits where the real battles are being fought.

**Tom Julien**

The Christian life is all-out warfare with a dangerous enemy, a guaranteed outcome, and an explicit mission.

