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**ARE YOU  
PROACTIVE OR REACTIVE  
IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE?**



# Reactive

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2. Left Seatbelt Off



3. Involved in crash



4. Badly injured







# Reactive



5. He is left picking up the pieces and living with the consequence.



# Proactive

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2. Put Seatbelt On



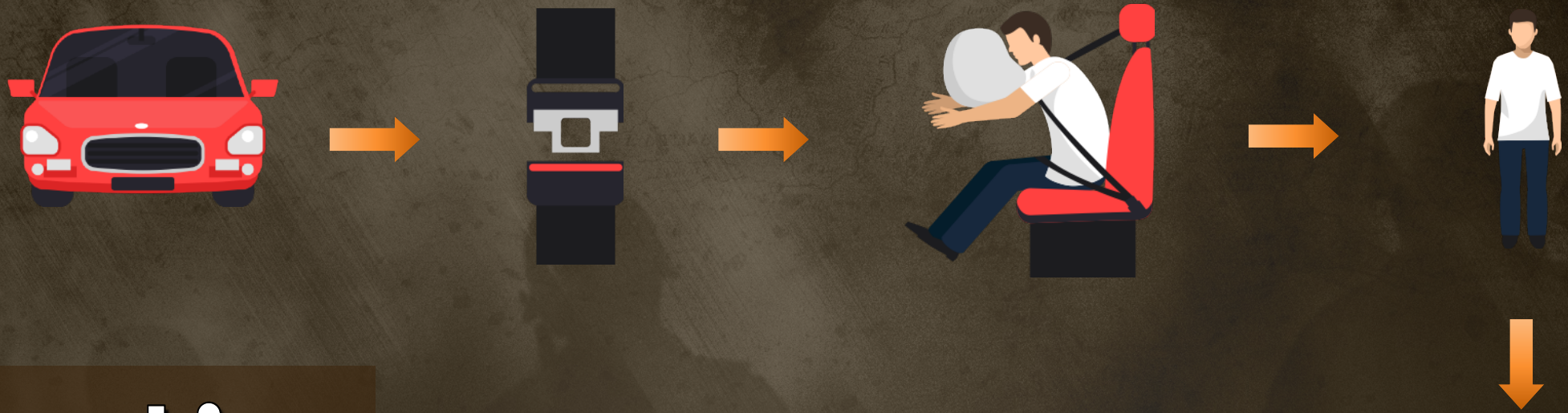
3. Involved in crash



4. Comes out fine







**Proactive**



**5. Although he was in a crash he was prepared and comes out alright**





# Reactive

vs.

# Proactive

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# In Spiritual Warfare which one are you?

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# Proactive Warfare

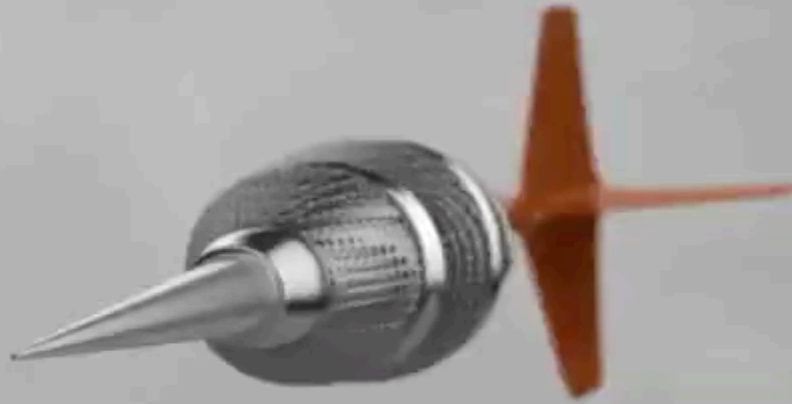
Paul is explaining that Christians must be proactive (not reactive) in spiritual warfare.

Being prepared will help you to stand in the evil day.





# Our Objectives



1. Be Able To Identify The Enemy
2. Be Proactive Awaiting The Enemy
3. Execute Plan & Overcome The Enemy



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# Identify The Enemy

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1 Peter 2:11

**Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.**

1 Peter 5:8

**Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.**



# Identify The Enemy

The Flesh



Spiritual Forces





**The Flesh**



**Identify The  
Enemy**



# The Flesh



The lust of the flesh

The lust of the eyes

The pride of life



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1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.



# The Flesh

The lust of the flesh

The lust of the eyes

The pride of life



The lust of the flesh is when you have a desire for something that is wrong or sinful

Galatians 5:16-17

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Romans 8:8

So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.



# The Flesh

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The Lust of the eyes is when you look at something, admire it, and desire it even though it will harm your walk with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God.



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The pride of life is when you think too highly of yourself, and trust in your own ability above God (putting yourself above God.)

Psalm 10:4

The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.

Proverbs 8:13

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil;  
Pride and arrogance and the evil way  
And the perverse mouth I hate.



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Satan

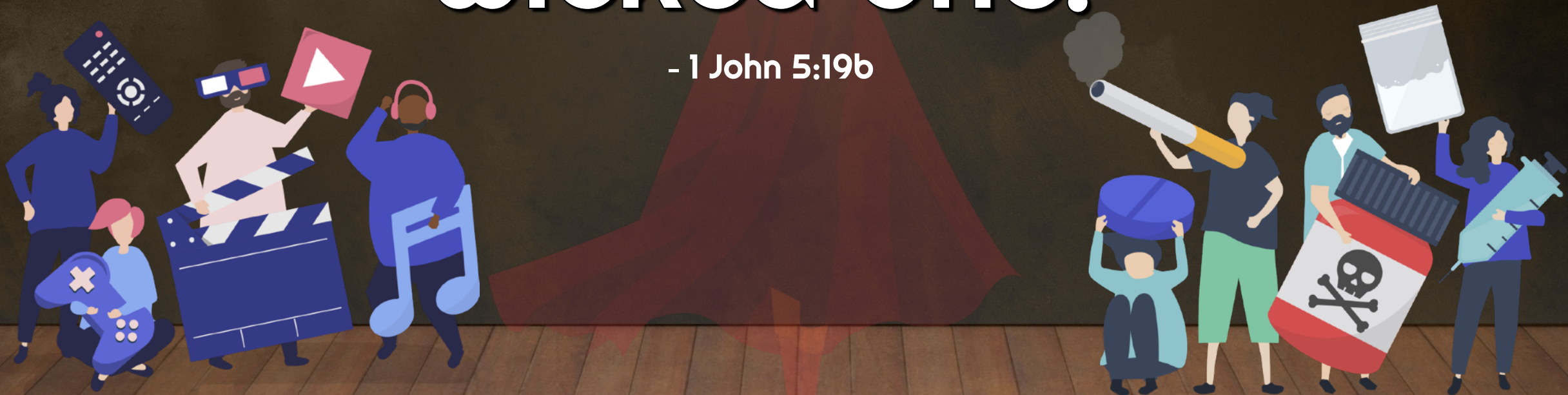
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**“The whole world lies  
under the sway of the  
wicked one.”**

- 1 John 5:19b





# Satan The Angel

**Who was Satan before he fell?**

He was a beautiful and powerful Cherubim (protector of God's holiness)  
- Ezek. 28

**What was Satan's sin?**

Pride & Violence - Ezek. 28

**What does Satan do?**

He is known as the accuser of the saints because he continually tries to find fault in us before God - Rev 12:10





12 “Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering...





14 “You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.

15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.





16 “By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones.

17 “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you.





# Satan's Goals

He tricks the unsaved into not listening to the Gospel

2 Corinthians 4:4

whose minds the god [Satan] of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

He stands before God accusing God's followers of crimes

Zechariah 3:1-2

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.

And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

Revelation 12:10 - Accuses the brethren night and day

Job 2 - Accuses Job before God





Satan has limitations because he was created.

However, it is clear that he is powerful... look at some of Satan's titles and authority:

The god of this age - 2 Corinthians 4:4

Deceiver of the whole world - Revelation 12:9

The father of all liars & murderers - John 8:44

The prince of the power of the air - Eph. 2:1-2

The ruler of this world - John 12:31-32

The tempter - Matthew 4:3

# How Powerful is Satan?





## Satan's Character (or lack thereof)

1 John 3:8(NCV)

The devil has been sinning since the beginning, so anyone who continues to sin belongs to the devil. The Son of God came for this purpose: to destroy the devil's work.

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

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Spiritual Forces





**Demons**

**Identify The  
Enemy**





- Do you know where demons come from?
- Demons are fallen angels who rebelled with Satan
- Satan took 1/3 stars from heaven during rebellion - Rev. 12
  
- Satan was an angel (technically a demon) - Ezekiel 28:12-15
- Hell was made for Satan and his demons - Matthew 25:4
- Angels (demons) who sinned will be punished - Jude 6
- Demons are called unclean spirits - Mark 9:25



Can you think of any traits of demons you have seen in scripture?

## Attributes of Demons

Below is a list of some of their traits / attributes:

Intelligent - They recognized Jesus as God - Matt. 8:29

Emotional - They fear Jesus and their coming doom - Luke 8:28

Wills/Desires - They begged Jesus to enter the pigs - Luke 8:32

Persons - One demon called the Prince of Persia and another one called the prince of Greece - Dan 10:20





# What Are The Demon's Goals?



## 1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons

## 1 John 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.



# What can Demons do to people?

## Can Inflict Physical disorders and sickness

Made a man mute (can't speak) - Matt. 9:33

Made a man blind & gave him seizures - Matt. 17:15-18

## Can Inflict mental & Emotional disorders

Gave men the desire for violence and death / suicide - Mark 5:4-5

Gave men superhuman strength to inflict damage- Luke 8:27-30

Gave men the desire for gross Immorality (nudity) - Luke 8:27-30

**Demons**





# Observations About Demons

## They Desire violence

Possessed people in scripture cut themselves, mutilate themselves, attempt suicide, burn themselves, attack others, crave violence etc....

## They Desire immorality / Nudity

Often go around naked in public

## They desire “darkness”

Can Often be found around tombs and have a preoccupation with death and darkness

**Demons**





The Flesh



# 1. Identify The Enemy

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Enemy



## 2. Be Proactive Awaiting The Enemy

You





# Proactive

1. Cruising Through Everyday Life



2. Studying, Praying, Discipleship,  
and Christian Fellowship



3. Attacked By Spiritual Forces  
and / or the Flesh



4. Feels pain but remains faithful  
and joyful throughout trial





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# Ephesians 6:10-13

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How can  
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Ourselves  
Against  
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Salvation

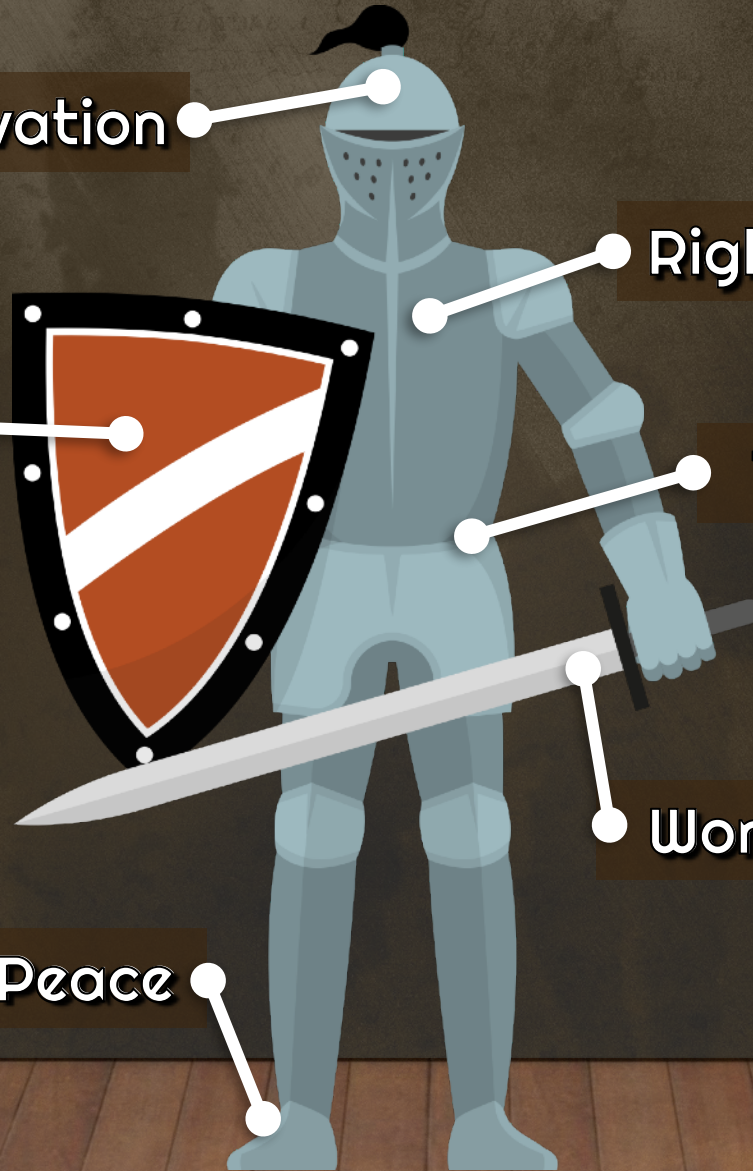
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**James 4:7-8**

7 Therefore submit to God.  
Resist the devil and he will  
flee from you.

8 Draw near to God and He  
will draw near to you.  
Cleanse your hands, you  
sinners; and purify your  
hearts, you double-minded.



Enemy



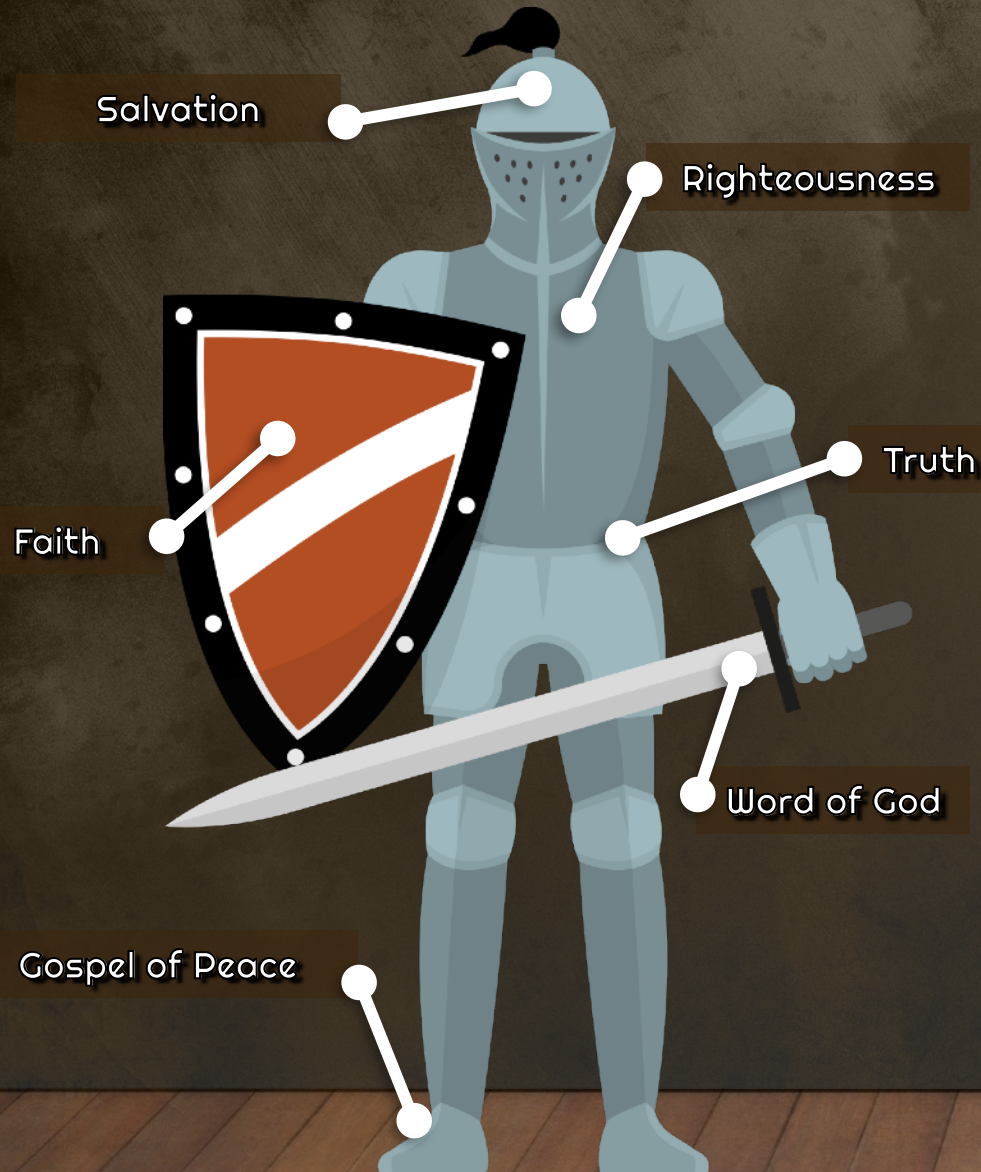
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19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.



# Proactive You

Reading The Bible

Praying & Fasting

Coming to Bible Study

Submitting To God

Walking in the Spirit

Memorizing Scripture





The Flesh



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# 3. Execute Plan & Overcome The Enemy

You





# Now Go Do It!



## Apply What You Have Heard From God's Word And Have Victory Over Sin!

**James 1:25**

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Also, your Pastors are here to help you develop a plan of Bible memory to help you overcome sins you struggle with.

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But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.



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