

## Ephesians 6:11

***Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.***

Everyone probably is familiar with the Armor of God as spoken of here in today's devotional verse. But I wonder if people may confuse this with the Warriors of God, thinking that I am not a Warrior and not a very strong Christian.

I've heard people make comments like, "He or she is a really strong Christian" or "They are a radical Christian" or how about "They are a fully committed Christian"

These are all true statements, but shouldn't they be true for all Christians? Should we all be strong, radical and fully committed Christians? It's like say, "She kind of pregnant" No, she is pregnant, period.

Either you are a fully committed Christian or you're not, there is no in between. Even Jesus said this about those who try to be in between (Partially Christian and partially following the world).

† **Revelation 3:15-16** *I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.*

It would be like me saying I am a man, but only a partial man because "the Rock" is totally buffed and has muscles on his muscles, therefore I am less of a man than he is.

No, I am 100% man just as much as any man is, regardless of how strong or how weak they are.

So, looking at today's devotional verse, Paul says to ***Put on the whole armor of God***. Notice he doesn't say, for those of you who are warriors in the faith or prayer warriors, which is what we usually think of when we think of armor. We think of those going into battle as the ones who should be putting on armor to help protect them. But the things is, that we are all in a spiritual battle every day. Notice Paul tells us why we need to put on the armor, ***that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil***. Or as the NTL puts it: ***so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil***.

Did you catch it both versions? ***that you may be able to; so that you will be able to***.

Not so those mighty warriors can, but ***so that YOU will be able to stand firm***. (emphasis added)

Here is one more thing about the armor of God. Notice it never says to take it off?

I know people will say that every morning they put on the Armor of God. My question is, if you have to put it on every morning, when did you take it off?

No, I think rather people should put on the armor of God once, then every morning do an equipment check, so to speak, making sure the armor is still in check and in good working order.

So, here's your checklist from **Ephesians 6:13-18**

- † ***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. Stand therefore,***
- ✓ ***having girded your waist with truth,***

- ✓ *having put on the breastplate of righteousness,*
- ✓ *and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*
- ✓ *above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.*
- ✓ *And take the helmet of salvation,*
- ✓ *and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;*
- ✓ *praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.*