

RCC Phoenix – 1.16.22 – Armor of God (Week 2)

Ephesians 6:10-13 NLT

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1. Be _____ in the Lord

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Notice what happens when we become believers in Christ...

- Our _____ is made alive
- The Holy Spirit Comes to live ______ of us
- We are given an ______ strength to follow God's instructions for life

Our inward beliefs are unseen but are revealed to the world by the way they change our outward actions.

_____ initiates _____.

2. The _____ of the Devil

Ephesians 6:11 NLT

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What are some strategies of the enemy?

John 8:42-44 NLT

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Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me. Why can't you understand what I am saying? It's because you can't even hear me! For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies."

b. _____

2 Corinthians 11:12-14 NLT

But I will continue doing what I have always done. This will undercut those who are looking for an opportunity to boast that their work is just like ours. These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. But I am not surprised! Even Satan *disguises* himself as an angel of light.

c. ______ to _____

James 1:14-15 NLT

Temptation comes from <u>our own</u> desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is <u>allowed</u> to grow, it gives birth to death.

Adam Clarke Biblical Commentary:

"The different means, plans, schemes, and machinations which he (the devil) uses to deceive, entrap, enslave, and ruin the souls of men. A man's method of sinning is Satan's method of ruining his soul."

d. _____&____

Mark 4:13-15 NLT

Then Jesus said to them, "If you can't understand the meaning of this parable, how will you understand all the other parables? The farmer plants seed by taking God's word to others. The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and *take it away*.

John 10:10 NLT

The thief's purpose is to *steal* and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

e. _____ Against the _____

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18 NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, after we were separated from you for a little while (though our hearts never left you), we tried very hard to come back because of our intense longing to see you again. We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, but *Satan prevented us*.

f. _____

Revelation 12:10-11 NLT

Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, "It has come at last—salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the *accuser of our brothers and sisters* has been thrown down to earth— the one who accuses them before our God, day and night. And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.

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