

Standing in Faith Part 3

Living Your Armor

The Armor of God

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with **truth**, and having on the breastplate of **righteousness**;

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the **preparation of the gospel of peace**;

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of **faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of **salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word of God**:

Eph 6:18 **Praying always** with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

A. The Armor of God (AOG)

1) What is the Armor of God?

The AOG consists of seven (7) actions around which every believer should build their lifestyles: Know the truth; understand your righteousness; be prepared to teach the Gospel; walk by faith; live in the blessings of your salvation package; declare the Word of God; and pray always.

- 2) Why do you have the Armor?Without the AOG, a believer cannot live a life of victory. To be a super-conqueror, you need to live under the anointing of God i.e., live always wearing your armor.
- 3) When do you use the Armor? Every prayer results in spiritual warfare. The armor is used in praying and in the warfare. Living the AOG is always responding to the devil's attacks with the Word of God.
- 4) How do you use the Armor?A believer uses the armor by knowing, believing, speaking and acting on the individual piece of the armor which is currently appropriate at that particular time in the current cycle of prayer.

B. The Prayer of Faith

1) The Definition of Faith.

Heb 11:1 KJ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb 6:12 AMP In order that you may not grow disinterested and become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith (by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises.

2) What is the Prayer of Faith? Mar 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Jas 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Jas 5:16b the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

3) Spiritual warfare and the Prayer of Faith.

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;



Dan 10:12 Then said *the angel* unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

Dan 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me **one and twenty days**: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me.

4) Spiritual warfare and the Armor of God.

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1Pe 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

C. Standing in Faith (SIF)

1) What is meant by standing in faith? SIF refers to Godly behavior between the "Amen" and the physical manifestation; specifically

speaking and acting consistently with the belief that you have already received when you prayed. 2) How do you stand in faith?

- By persevering with joyful endurance in the belief that you have already received despite contrary circumstances until the answer is physically manifested to your senses.
- 3) What are the hindrances to standing in faith? Primarily fear, unbelief and doubt; however, anything or person which contradicts your faith that you believed that you received when you prayed.
- 4) When do you quit standing in faith?SIF ends when your five senses acknowledge that you have received the answer to your prayer.If you can see it and feel it and use it, then you don't need faith for it.

D. Walking in Faith (WIF)

1) The just should walk by faith.

Heb 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Pro 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Php 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but **in every thing** by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. The **peace** of God shall keep your **hearts** & **minds**.

- What is walking in faith?
 Walking by faith is making decisions throughout your day based on the Word of God and/or by the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) What is the difference between standing in faith and walking in faith? SIF refers to a specific prayer/outcome; WIF is a lifestyle of prayers with matching behaviors.
- 4) What is a lifestyle of faith? This is a life of creating your world with your words by calling things into being (Rom 4:17) as you continue to live by walking in faith. As you SIF, you bring the unseen into physical reality.

E. Spiritual Warfare

- 1) John 10:10 MSG Jesus came so your life would be better than you have ever imagined it
- 2) John 10:10 KJ The devil comes to steal kill and destroy.
- 3) Spiritual warfare is an ongoing process of not wrestling against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces by continuing to use your armor to WIF for every prayer and every promise.
- 4) Successful warfare comes through a lifestyle of faith and patience supported by always living your armor.