

## **The Believers' Warfare**

Eph 6:10-20 NIV and Selected Verses

July 19, 2015

*"10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 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. 13 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. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

*18 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. 19 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, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."* Eph 6:10-20 NIV

*"10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."* Eph 6:10 NIV

*"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days."* 2 Tim 3:1 NIV

### **Truths to remember:**

#### **1. Be aware of the spiritual struggle.**

*"10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."* Eph 6:10-11 NIV

*"12 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."* Eph 6:12 NIV

#### **2. Rely on God always.**

*"13 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."* Eph 6:13 NIV

*"14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."* Eph 6:14-17 NIV

**3. Give priority to prayer.**

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*"3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."* 2 Cor 10:3-5 NIV

	<u>Weekly Giving for July 2015</u>	<u>Weekly Expenses</u>	<u>Variance</u>
July 7	\$ 6,258	\$ 5,900	\$ 358
July 14	6,453	5,900	553
Total	<u>\$ 12,711</u>	<u>\$ 11,800</u>	<u>\$ 911</u>