

This is war!

1. Truth #1 - You have _____

*The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. **Revelation 12:9 (NIV)***

...He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.

Revelation 12:12 (NIV)

*And the dragon (Satan) was angry at the woman and declared war against the rest of her children—all who keep God's commandments and maintain their testimony for Jesus. **Revelation 12:17 (NLT)***

*A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. **Ephesians 6:10-12 (NLT)***

2. Truth #2 – There are _____

*Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. **Ephesians 6:13 (NLT)***

3. Truth #3 – You have _____

- The _____

*Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth... **Ephesians 6:14 (NLT)***

*When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. **John 8:44 (NIV)***

*The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 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 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NIV)***

- The _____

*...with the breastplate of righteousness in place... **Ephesians 6:14b (NIV)***

- _____ ready to _____

*...and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. **Ephesians 6:15 (NIV)***

- The _____

*In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. **Ephesians 6:16 (NLT)***

- The _____

*Put on salvation as your helmet... **Ephesians 6:17 (NLT)***

- The _____

*...and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for Him, as I should. **Ephesians 6:17-20 (NLT)***

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1. Truth #1 - You have a very real enemy

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¹²For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

2. Truth #2 – There are evil days coming

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3. Truth #3 – You have the power to overcome

- **The belt of truth**

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- **The breastplate of righteousness**

Ephesians 6:14b (NIV) ...with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

- **Shoes ready to run with the gospel**

Ephesians 6:15 (NIV) ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

- **The shield of faith**

¹⁶In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ^o

- **The helmet of salvation**

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- **The sword of the Spirit**

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