

Walking in Spiritual Battle

(Ephesians 6)

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- The preparation for following Jesus is a progression: Trust the Process!
- Peace to the brothers follows the love by faith with God that results from the grace provided through Jesus.

GRACE>LOVE>PEACE

1. Son to Parent: The process should start in the home; you can't stand in battle if you can't stand in family/home

- You cannot honor your parents without obedience. Words must produce Actions!
- Parents must lead with Biblical principles, not personal intentions (leading to rebellion)

2. Servant to Master: The process should consider in the workplace; your first opportunity outside the home reveals the growth at home

- Service must be inward and outward, both are required
- The Lord rewards faithful service...ALWAYS!
- Masters are accountable to THE MASTER...JESUS!

3. Soldier to Commander: The Ultimate testing of life and death circumstances. The culmination of the process is the procession to battle.

- The adversary is not people, but the spiritual forces of evil. You cannot use physical instruments to conquer spiritual foes!
- The armor is only effective when it is complete. You will not STAND when your armor is INCOMPLETE.
- Truth, righteousness, gospel of peace, faith, salvation, Word of God, praying in the Spirit: SEVEN parts for a complete armor!
- The purpose for the battle is the opportunity to spread the Gospel and to stand firm in JESUS!

Questions:

1. Read Ephesians 6:1-4; Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 4:9; 6:7; Psalm 78:4; Proverbs 19:18; 22:6; 29:17; II Timothy 3:15.

What does Scripture teach about the relationship between a parent and a child? What role does discipline play in the process? Does discipline only apply to punishment? If no, what are the other parts of discipline? When you get married, you are called to leave your parents and cleave to your wife. How does this affect honoring and obeying your parents?

2. Read Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:22-25; 4:1-2; I Peter 2:18-20; I Timothy 6:1-2.

What does the Bible teach about the relationship between a servant and a master (an employee and employer)? The natural inclination would be to say that we are free and don't have to obey others, but Jesus teaches us that by honoring our earthly masters, we are honoring our true master, Jesus. Why does it matter what's in our heart when serving? How do II Corinthians 10:3-6 and Matthew 12:34 affect the significance of our heart/mind?

3. Read Ephesians 6:10-20.

Why does Paul associate the spiritual disciplines with the specific item of armor? Each piece has a significant impact. How? Define each of the spiritual disciplines: truth, righteousness, gospel of peace, faith, salvation, Word of God, praying in the Spirit. What is a verse that defines/illustrates each of the disciplines? How does each discipline affect your daily life? Which one is your strength? Your weakness? Explain.

4. Read Ephesians 6:21-24; Philippians 4:21-23; Colossians 4:7-18; Philemon 1:23-25.

These passages are the conclusion passages for the four letters that Paul wrote while in prison/house arrest. What is the significance of these verses? If you were concluding a letter to a church that you loved and it may be the last words they have from you, what would you say? How do these passages reveal the heart of Paul and the desire of Jesus for His Church?

5. Read Ephesians 6:11, 13-14.

What is the goal of the battle? How many times is the word STAND mentioned? Why is that important? How does Matthew 7:24-27 illustrate this principle? What does it look like in your life when you stand versus fall?