

## Why Christians Must Be Prepared for War (Eph 6:12-13)

1. A Call to Stand Up in God's Strength & Fight for the Lord (6:10-13)

2. Put on God's full Armor to Stand firm Against the Enemy (6:11)

1. Satan & his Hosts are Real, Evil, and Powerful (6:12).

A. These Spiritual Forces of Wickedness are Real

B. These Spiritual Forces of Wickedness are Terribly Evil

C. These Spiritual Forces of Wickedness are Powerful

(i) They are Spiritual Forces, not Physical Beings.

(ii) They are Scheming and Deceptive

(iii) They Are Strong

(iv) They Are Organized and Systematized.

(v) They are Often Successful and Periodically Victorious

II. Take up the Full Armor of God, Resist, Stand firm in the evil Day (13)

A. Evil Days will Visit us All.

“Evil day” “struggle” – wrestling match, hand to hand combat

Know your weakness, propensity to sin, be prepared (1 Cor. 10:12)

B. Adequate Preparation: very Important and Major Part of Victory

Proverbs 24:10; 1:20-23; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9a

## Conclusion

- 2 Timothy 4:7 “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith”