

Spiritual Warfare: The Sword of the Spirit
Ephesians 6:17
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We are not alone in Spiritual Warfare.

Review of the Christian's Armor: The belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, The shield of faith, the helmet of Salvation.

1. The Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God
 - a. The sword that the Spirit blesses; the Word of God, or the gospel. (Isaiah 11:4; Revelations 1:16; Hebrews 4:12)
2. I can't dance.
 - a. You must know the word of God to wield the sword of the Spirit in Spiritual warfare.
3. Used for defense
 - a. The example of Jesus - he quoted the Word of God. (Matt 4:1-11)
 - b. Could you use the book of Deuteronomy to fend off a temptation?
 - c. Imagine you are a licensed gun owner with a concealed carry permit during a crime.
 - d. You must fight falsehood with truth. Do you know the truth of the Word?
 - e. When tempted, fire gospel bullets at the temptation.
4. Used for Offense
 - a. Taking the word into the darkness, against the forces of evil.
 - b. It is storming the gates of hell, which will not be able to stand against the church.
5. Speaking the gospel to the world.
 - a. Current state of the Culture War
 - b. We need Bible believing evangelicals in every sphere of life being salt and light there.
6. If you put a sword in my hands, I will look silly.
 - a. Learn how to handle the word of God, learn how to interpret and apply it.
 - b. Coming of age in an Indian tribe.
7. I Cor 16:13 "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like man, be strong."