Ephesians 6:13-14

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

Satan 'attacks' in many ways, some direct, some indirect:
- tries to reproach God's character
- tries to undermine victory by generating distress, making life difficult, tempting us to forsake God
- attacks through confusion & biblical deviation
- attacks by causing division
- attacks by persuading us to trust our own resources

Partial armor is not enough. We don't know exactly when, where, or how the enemy will attack.

Every day since the Fall is an evil day.

THE BELT OF TRUTH

Girding the loins is a mark of preparation.

We demonstrate readiness for war by getting equipped for battle.

The content of God's truth is essential for battling against the schemes of Satan.

Being girded with truth primarily speaks to the issues of self–discipline and of total commitment and is the direct result of desire that leads to careful preparation and maximum effort.

BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Righteousness is to be wrapped around our entire beings.

Two forms of true righteousness:
- Salvation is based solely on God's imputed righteousness (Philippians 3:9).
- Daily Christian living is another kind of righteousness, which is the practical working out of 'imputed' righteousness (Philippians 3:12–14).

To put on the breastplate of righteousness is to live in daily, moment–by–moment obedience to our heavenly Father.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

God supplies the standard. God supplies the power. We must supply the willingness.

God Himself clothes us in our imputed righteousness, but we must put on our practical righteousness.

No program, no method, no technique will bring happiness to a believer who is unwilling to confront and forsake his sin.

When Satan attacks, it is foolish to try to do battle with him alone. Like the soldier, we report to the Commander and leave the defense in His hands.

GREEK WORDS

Anthistēmi (anth-is'-tay-mee)—to stand against, oppose :- resist, withstand

Alētheia—refers to the content of that which is true