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Why the whole Armor of God is needed

Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

The Armor of God

Belt of Truth –

John 14:6

Breastplate of Righteousness –

Philippians 3:9

Shoes of Readiness –

2 Timothy 4:2

Shield of Faith –

Hebrews 11

Helmet of Salvation –

Isaiah 59:16-17

Sword of the Spirit – 1

Thessalonians 2:13

Praying at all times –

Matthew 6:5-15 & 2 Chronicles 6:21-42

Keep alert –

Luke 21:34 & Mark 13:33-37

Ephesians 6:18 18 ...To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

Alert = sleepless watch Perseverance = persistency Supplication = request

Foundations of Keeping Alert

Prepares us for the unknown, the Armor of God is vital, necessary, a must in this preparation.

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Mark 13:37 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

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SALVATION

1 John 1:9 The Word of Life

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

How to live the Armor of God: Keep Alert

Luke 21:34-38 Watch Yourselfs Jesus Christ Will Return

34 "But **watch yourselves** lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.

We must keep watch because we are at every moment in the dangers of spiritual warfare.
35 For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

When it comes to spiritual warfare (dissipation, drunkenness, cares of this world, etc.) it is not a matter of if but when will we be attacked, tempted or tested?

36 But **stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things** that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

We can stay awake through daily faithfulness, praying for strength and trusting in Jesus for provision and protection in alignment with God's Will through the Holy Spirit.

37 And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet.

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38 And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.

We continue on each day, worrying not about tomorrow for it has enough trouble of its own.

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BIBLE VERSES RELATED TO KEEPING ALERT

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Mark 13:33-37 No One Knows That Day or Hour of Christ's Return

32 "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

33 **Be on guard, keep awake.** For you do not know when the time will come.

34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to **stay awake**.

35 Therefore **stay awake**—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—

36 lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

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Luke 22:46 Jesus on the Mount of Olives before His Crucifixion

46 and he said to them, "**Why are you sleeping?** Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

Colossians 4:2

2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, **being watchful** in it with thanksgiving.

OTHER RESOURCES

Sharing the Truth Tips

When revealing the Biblical truth to someone **ask questions and give them the opportunity to wrestle with their relationship with Jesus.**

It is the Holy Spirit who gives Christians the proper heart, mind, soul and strength to share the Biblical truth in a way that will hopefully result in salvation and sanctification for the hearer.

Ask questions, encourage others to ask questions. Everyone is three good questions away from sharing what is really going on in their heart, mind and soul.

YOUTUBE: John MacArthur - The Armor of God: Praying at All Times (Ephesians 6:18-20)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPZxnMPuDkw>

YOUTUBE: Alistair Begg – Praying

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