

# Ephesians

*The Christian's Blessings, Behavior & Battles*

## Ephesians 6:13

“take up the whole armor of God ....”

1. belt of truth — be ready for action
2. breastplate of righteousness — practical righteousness
3. gospel shoes of peace — peace with God & peace of God
4. shield of faith — firm belief in God no matter what
5. helmet of salvation — proper biblical view of salvation
6. sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God





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To effectively use the sword of the Spirit, you must:

1. know the word
2. know how to use the word
3. use the word



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## 1. Know the word

*word* - translates Greek words *logos* & *rhēma*

*logos* - used 330x in NT. The truth of God communicated primarily in Christ and in Scripture.

*rhēma* - used 70x in NT. The truth of God primarily *spoken*.

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## 1. Know the word

The Holy Bible = The Sacred Book / Scripture

- **Holy Bible** = 66 books in 2 major sections, OT & NT
- **Old Testament** = 39 books: Pentateuch / Law (5), History (13), Poetry (Ps., Pr., Ec., S.S.), Prophets (17)
- **New Testament** = 27 books: Gospels (4), Acts, Epistles (or letters to churches, 21), Revelation



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## 1. Know the word

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”* 2 Tim. 3:16-17



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## 2. Know how to use the word



**Acts 17:22-32**

The Apostle Paul,  
the wise guys,  
the gospel.

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### 3. Use the word

Luke 4:1-12 — Jesus tempted by the devil

Test 1. Devil: Fulfill your physical needs. *Hunger.*  
Jesus' response, “*It is written ....*” vv. 3-4



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### 3. Use the word

Luke 4:1-12 — Jesus tempted by the devil

Test 2. Devil: Fulfill your emotional needs. *Pride.*  
Jesus' response, “*It is written ....*” vv. 5-8

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### 3. Use the word

Luke 4:1-12 — Jesus tempted by the devil

Test 3. Devil: Fulfill your spiritual needs. *Faith.*  
Jesus' response, “*It is said ....*” vv. 9-12

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To effectively use the sword of the Spirit, you must:

1. know the word - *learn*
2. know how to use the word - *practice*
3. use the word - *engage*

*“Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God.”*  
Isaiah 41:10





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