

Preparing for War

Excerpted from material by Dr. Charles Stanley

Good morning, Lord. Thank you for assuring me of victory today if I follow Your battle plan. So by faith, I claim victory over _____

And in accordance with your Word, I put on your complete armor.

First Lord, I put on the **BELT OF TRUTH**. Knowing full well that You are the only real Truth! You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and no one come to the Father except through you.

Next Lord, I put on the **BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**. The breastplate that protects my heart Lord, and keeps my heart from becoming too hard or too soft and keeps me from being ruled by my emotions.

Next Lord, I put on the **SHOES OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE**. The shoes that allow me to be at peace in each and every situation and allows me to convey peace to all those around me.

Next Lord, I take up the **SHIELD OF FAITH**. My faith is in you Lord, not in myself, not in mortal man, not in my wife, not in anyone or anything else in my life, but in You and You alone.

Next Lord, I put on the **HELMET OF SALVATION**. The helmet that protects my mind and keeps my mind thinking thoughts that are pure, and righteous, and holy and loving. Thoughts of the “fruit of the spirit”.

Finally Lord, I take up the **SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**. The sword which is your Word. I keep your Word ready at all times to give reason to all those around me for the faith that I have, and so that when I am tempted by the evil one, I can fend him off with your Word as You did when you were tempted.

Now Lord I am ready to go off and fight the battles that await me knowing I am completely dressed in your armor and ready for whatever comes my way. Thank you Father for giving me this protection and for not only going with me but going before me and preparing the way.

Amen!