

## “Righteous Boldness”

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Throughout the Bible we see servants of God who are prime examples of the righteous person described in Proverb 28:



The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion. Prov. 28:1 (NIV)

One such person is the Apostle Paul. Paul was beaten, stoned, threatened and even arrested, but he continued on boldly doing the work God gave him to do. During Paul's imprisonment (house arrest) in Rome he continued to speak God's word boldly to anyone he could.

For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 28:30-31 (NIV)

Many people today portray Christ and his followers as “wimpy” and weak. This mindset is clearly contrary to scripture. Meekness is not weakness. Turning the

other cheek is not weakness, it is boldly choosing to “stand up” to the world system by following the scriptures and walking in love and grace.

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notes:

Let us pray as Christians in the book of Acts prayed:

... grant to Your bond servants [full freedom] to declare Your message fearlessly . . . And when they had prayed, the place in which they were assembled was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the Word of God with freedom and boldness and courage. Acts 4:29, 31 (AMP)

Let we believers, since we have received God's righteousness through Christ, do likewise, and spread God's word with boldness!

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## “Not Against Flesh And Blood” (Teaching Sketch)

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV)



The Apostle Paul, in this letter to the Church at Ephesus, has been giving what some may see as only practical experience in living and functioning with those around them.

While this is certainly true he has been also leading up to the necessary understanding of godly things and kingdom things for the fighting of the real battle all face, having been born on a field of battle...the spiritual war!

### Strong In The Lord

Paul says, “Finally be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.” Who's power? The Lord's power! The Apostle is here placing the finishing touches on what it takes to prevail in the real battle all face.

### His Power

His power, Paul has told them, not a power of themselves or something they congered up and called “His power,” but the actual power of God, himself.

### The Struggle

The struggle, Paul clearly says, is not with our fellow

man, that thinking is a deception from the evil one. Paul says we are to battle with spiritual powers:

- Rulers
  - Authorities
  - Powers of darkness
  - Spiritual forces of evil
- All these he says are in heavenly realms around us but not made of flesh and blood.

### Your Stand Against Paul makes it clear evil will

come! Paul makes it clear each must make their own stand in the battle. They must stand and remain standing. This means they did not just say, “I'm saved”<sup>[a]</sup> and walk away.

### His Armor

It is very interesting to note Paul uses military terms and equipment to explain how the natural is a reflection of the spiritual, here.

- **Truth** = belt
- **Righteousness** = breastplate
- **Gospel of Peace readiness** = combat boots
- **Faith** = shield
- **Salvation** = helmet

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Saved,  
healed,  
& delivered

**Scripture:**

**Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV)**

**The Armor of God**

10Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15and with your feet

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fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. 19Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

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- **Word of God = sword**  
**When Evil Comes**  
Paul lets the Ephesians know evil will come! It is not if evil comes but when it does come.  
**Armament Pieces**  
Paul lets them know that each armament taken up in the hand has a purpose. The shield, “You can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.” Who can? You can! What is the offensive weapon? The Word of God is your sword! No! Not your smooth words, God’s powerful words!  
**Pray in Spirit**  
Paul lets the Ephesians know to keep communication open with the heavenly headquarters by always praying in the Spirit regarding prayers and requests.  
**Pray for Saints**  
Paul says to pray for your brothers and sisters in the Lord. There is no place for bickering with any flesh and blood, especially those in Christ.  
**Pray For Me**  
Paul lets the Ephesians know to pray for him:
  - For Godly words
  - Fearlessness
 Pray for Christ’s ambassador!

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