

“Your Armor”
Collide – Part 3
Ephesians 6:14
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“Timothy, my son, here are my instructions for you. . . May they give you the confidence to fight well in the Lord's battles.”
1 Timothy 1:18

“Fight the good fight for what we believe.” 1 Timothy 6:12

“You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” 2 Timothy 2:3

Put on the Armor of God . . .

- **Yourself** “Put on the whole armor of God . . .”
- **Completely** “Put on the whole armor of God . . .”
- **Forever**
- **And Use It** “Take up the whole armor of God . . .”

“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (ESV)

1. BELT OF TRUTH

“Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth . . .” Ephesians 6:14a (NKJV)

“For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.” John 8:44 (NLT)

- ❖ **Truth is rooted in God's Character.** John 3:33 (NLT)
- ❖ **Truth is embodied in God's Son.** John 14:6 (NKJV)
- ❖ **Truth is revealed in God's Word.** John 17:17 (NLT)
- ❖ **Truth is led to by God's Spirit.** John 16:13 (NLT)

2. BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

“. . . having put on the breastplate of righteousness . . .” Ephesians 6:14b

- **It is not Self-righteousness.**

“As the Scriptures say, ‘No one is righteous— not even one.’” Romans 3:10 (NLT)

“All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags . . .” Isaiah 64:6a (NIV)

- **It is not God-given Righteousness.**

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”
2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

- **It is Practical Righteousness.**

"But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness . . ." 1 Timothy 6:11a (NIV)

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God." Philipians 1:9-11 (NIV)