



## “CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: EPHESIANS 6:10-17

TITLE: THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING JESUS’ WORDS

### INTRODUCTION

- A. When fighting, one crucial goal is to remain standing \_\_\_\_\_
1. If you are not standing, you lose any advantage
  2. If you are not standing, you are playing defense instead of offense
  3. If you are not standing, it is a good bet that you will lose the fight
- B. Continued falling is not a sign of immorality. Rather, it is a sign of immaturity \_\_\_\_\_

### THE LAST ONE STANDING WINS

- A. **V. 10**, ...*be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might* \_\_\_\_\_  
NOTE: Not, *Be strong*... *Be strong in the Lord* AND *Be strong in the power of His might*
- B. Do you want to stand against the wiles (schemes) of the devil? **V. 11**, *Put on* [to sink into, to get into, to enter into [as into clothes] *the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand* \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Do you want to be able to withstand (stand against) in the evil day? **V. 13**, *take up* [a thing in order to use it] *the whole armor of God* \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Do you want to stand after all is said and done? **V. 13**, *take up* [a thing in order to use it] *the whole armor of God* \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Well then, put on the whole armor and stand \_\_\_\_\_
1. Fasten on the Belt/Girdle of Truth
  2. Get into/enter into the Breastplate of Righteousness
  3. Lace up/tie up the Shoes of Peace from the Gospel
  4. Take up and use the Shield of Faith
  5. Receive (as from God) the Helmet of Salvation
  6. Receive (as from God) the Sword of the Spirit – Word of God

### TO WIN I NEED TO STAND. TO STAND I NEED THE WORD OF GOD

- A. The Sword of the Spirit – the Word of God – is a defensive and offensive weapon \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Jesus is the Word of God: **Revelation 19:13**, <sup>13</sup> *He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.* \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Jesus is the Spoken Word: **John 1:1-3**, <sup>1</sup> *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* <sup>2</sup> *He was in the beginning with God.* <sup>3</sup> *All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*
- D. Jesus is the Living Word: **John 1:14**, <sup>14</sup> *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*
- E. Jesus is the Written Word: **Luke 24:27**, <sup>27</sup> *And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*
- F. Therefore,
1. To stand and win, I need to put on / get into the whole armor of God (including the Sword of the Spirit)
  2. Without the Sword of the Spirit – Word of God, I cannot win (I am only playing defense, not offense)
  3. I fight with the Sword of the Spirit – Word of God / Jesus is the Word of God / I fight with Jesus