

Questions for Consideration—*With the Master In Heavenly Places*
Lesson 21 — Preparing for Spiritual Battle — Ephesians 6:10-17

1. As you read Ephesians 6:10-17, what words or phrases do you notice that are repeated? Why do you think Paul repeats certain words or phrases in this section on the believer's armor?
2. (a) List each piece of the armor that we as believers should put on. (b) What importance does each piece play in the war against our spiritual enemies? (c) Why do you think it is important that a believer put on the whole armor of God and not just a portion of it?
3. Memorize Ephesians 6:11.
4. (a) Paul states in Ephesians 6:11 that we are to put on the whole armor of God in order that we might fight against the wiles of the devil. What do you learn from the following passages that help you to understand the seriousness of this enemy that we battle? Matthew 4:1-11; Acts 5:1-3; Acts 26:18; 2 Corinthians 4:3, 4; 2 Corinthians 11:3; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11; 1 Peter 5:8. (b) After looking over these passages would you say that you seriously consider the working of Satan in your life to defeat you? (c) What are some ways in which Satan tricks or deceives the believer?
5. Paul has been using the metaphor of walking up to this point in his epistle to the Ephesians. (See Ephesians 2:10; 4:1; 4:17; 5:2; 5:8 and 5:15). Why do you think he now changes the position of the believer from walking to standing in Ephesians 6:10-14?
6. How do you personally wage spiritual warfare? What are some practical things you have found to be helpful in the midst of battle?
7. How are you doing in waging war against your spiritual enemies this day? Have you put on the whole armor of God? Is there a piece of the armor that you have laid aside? What is your prayer request as you fight your spiritual battles?