Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

12 For 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.

13 Therefore 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.

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 And 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 Lord's people.

19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

- We are to be <u>strong</u> in God's <u>power</u>
- The armor must be <u>complete</u>
- The enemy is real and <u>scheming</u> against you
- The battle is <u>spiritual</u> and requires a spiritual solution
- We are all in this fight
- The armor is <u>offensive</u> as well as <u>defensive</u>

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist





1 John 1:5-6 (NIV)

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:5 (NIV)
- 5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness

How do we bring truth into our lives?

1.Ask God to reveal what needs to be changed

John 14:16 (NIV) I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— the Spirit of truth.

John 16: 13 (NIV) But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth

- 1.Ask God to reveal what needs to be changed
- 2.Bring honest and loving accountability into your life

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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- 3.Eliminate the things that cause you to lie or deceive

1 John 1:8-10 (NIV)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9lf we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives.

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- 5.Put it in action

1 John 2:15-17

15Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

1John 1:6 (NIV) If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

1John 2:4(NIV) The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1 John5:3-4 (NIV)

this is love for God: to keep His commands. And His commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world.

You are a Warrior in God's kingdom

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.