What spiritual armor do we wear?

F. The Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God

Ephesians 6:17 (ESV) and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

The Word of God is like a powerful, sharp dagger or sword.

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV) For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

➢ An offensive and a defensive weapon.

Matthew 4:1-11 (ESV) 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” 4 But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” 7 Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

• Read the Word.
• Study the Word.
• Memorize the Word.
• Meditate on the Word.
• Apply the Word.
G. We engage the battlefield through prayer!

It is one thing to be fully dressed for battle and prepared to engage the enemy, but it is something else to know where the battlefield is.

Prayer is the front lines of spiritual warfare. Prayer is the heart of spiritual warfare.

**Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)** praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

**We are to pray correctly:**

- Pray always.
  
  “Praying at all times…”

- Pray “...in the Spirit…”

**James 4:3 (ESV)** You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

- Pray with “...all prayer and supplication...”

- Pray by keeping alert.
  
  “...To that **end keep alert** with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints…”

- Pray “...with all perseverance…”

- Pray for all people.
  
  “...making supplication for all the saints…”

**1 Timothy 2:1-2 (ESV)** ¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

How do we put on the whole armor of God?

**Romans 13:14 (ESV)** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The position of our spiritual armor is for attack, not retreat.