The Believer's Authority

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Chapter 7: The Weapons of Our Warfare

- Kenneth Hagin defines *spiritual warfare* as "doing the works of Jesus and taking our authority over the devil as we go about our daily lives."

  A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil (Ephesians 6:10–11 NLT).

- Believers remain undefeated *when* they put on the spiritual armor provided for them.

  Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, take the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:14–16 NKJV).

- John A. MacMillan (known as the Pioneer Missionary of Spiritual Warfare) gives us a closer look at this armor:

  The *girdle of truth* represents a clear understanding of God's Word and holds the rest of the armor in place.

  The *breastplate of righteousness* represents Jesus, our righteousness, and demonstrates our obedience to the Word of God.

  The *gospel of peace* represents our faithful ministry proclaiming the Word of God.

  The *shield of faith* represents our complete safety under the blood of Jesus.

  The *helmet of salvation* represents the hope of salvation and prevents us from turning from the truth.

  The *sword of the Spirit* is an offensive weapon, an active weapon.

Discussion Questions

Why must we continually put on our spiritual armor?

When it *seems* our authority is not working against the devil, what's the problem?

What is the significance of the sword of the Spirit?