

## The Power of the BreastPlate

Dressed to Kill

Ephesians 6:10-14

The first thing that you would notice about a Roman soldier would be his breastplate. These things weighed in excess of 40 pounds. The breastplate was extremely elaborate. It was made with bronze or brass. Brass is a golden color that shines when it is in the sun, especially when the fully armored soldier went outside on a sunny day.

Just imagine what it would be like when an entire legion of Roman soldiers walked out into the sunshine.

As you walk around with your breastplate firmly in place, you will learn that your righteousness is not only a defensive weapon to protect you, its also an offensive weapon to assist you as you assault the enemy and take back lost territory!!

### Someone Wants To Hurt You

- Ephesians 6:11 says; “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”
- The devil wants you to believe that you are “less than” and are of no value to God. This is why the Holy Spirit tells us that we have righteousness as a “breastplate” to protect us.
- The word “devil” is taken from the Greek word ‘diabalos’, which means one who strikes again and again and again until, finally, he penetrates the mind with slanderous accusations.
- The devil will tell you that you are the worst Christian that he has ever seen. That God cant possibly do any good with you because you have too many hang ups to be of any use to Him. Does that ring a bell?
- IF you are not walking in righteousness then those slanderous accusations will most likely penetrate your mind and emotions.

- Christians who don't know that they have been made righteous in Christ tend to walk habitually in condemnation. Why? Because the devil never misses a chance to insert a condemning thought in your mind. The devil loves to make you feel like you are a failure!
- On the other hand, if we are walking in righteousness then we can say as Isaiah said in chapter 54:17 "No weapon formed against me shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall be condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from ME says the Lord!!!!!"
- That means that NO word of condemnation, no false allegation, and no guilty thought will penetrate your heart and mind when you are walking in the righteousness of God that is through Christ Jesus our LORD!!!
- The Bible tells us to "stand up and throw our shoulders back, hold your head up high, and walk tall and confidently, as all proud and victorious soldiers do!!
- When you understand that God has freely imparted righteousness to you, it will affect your attitude quite positively and profoundly. Have you ever seen someone walking down the street with a confident walk? Check this out!!! LOLLOL Video:
  - When you understand that you are 'Dressed to Kill' then you also understand that you don't have to take the devils lying threats anymore!!

## What is A Correct Attitude for Warfare?

- Roman soldiers went into weeks and months of preparations for war. They did everything they could to prepare their minds and attitudes for war.
- Your mental attitude has everything to do with how well you perform in the heat of the fight. IF you are emotionally defeated before you go into the fight, you should not go into battle because your attitude has already determined the outcome of the fight.

- You must become mentally prepared. 1 Peter 1:13 says “Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.”
- Peter is saying to gather up the loose ends of our minds and put our focus on Him.
- You ARE righteous! When you begin to meditate on this truth and it really begins to penetrate your mind and your thinking, you will no longer say that you want to be righteous; instead you will realize that you are righteous.
- When a believer finally grabs a hold of the truth that God has imparted righteousness to him, that knowledge changes him. He no longer views himself as a little, unimportant, defeated believer. He is so affected in his attitude that he begins to move with assurance from a life of chronic defeat to a life of reigning in life like a king! When this knowledge gets into your heart is CHANGES you!

## An Attitude of Righteousness Will Profoundly Affect Your Prayer Life.

- IF you do not know that you are in right standings with God, you cannot pray with confidence. Many Christians pray defeated prayers because they don't know that they are righteous. Their prayers are filled with defeat and unbelief.
- But if we are walking with our breastplate of righteousness firmly in place in our lives then we know that we can pray in authority and with power and an expectation that the battle has been won!!