



Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil...Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:10-17 (NLT)

### WHAT IS THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT?

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❖ Specifically the \_\_\_\_\_ word of God.

There are three different Greek terms used for God's Word...

- \_\_\_\_\_ The writings of God
- \_\_\_\_\_ The message of God
- \_\_\_\_\_ The spoken Word of God

God's word is living, active, sharper than any two-edged sword. Hebrews 4:12

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT?

I MUST \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO USE THE \_\_\_\_\_ EFFECTIVELY

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only... Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test... Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test. When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Luke 4:8,11-13 (NIV)

- JESUS KNEW THE WORD AND USED IT \_\_\_\_\_

In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. 1 Peter 3:15 Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.<sup>12</sup> As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men. Acts 17:11-12 (NIV)

- THE BEREANS KNEW SCRIPTURE AND USED IT \_\_\_\_\_

### I SHOULD USE THE SWORD...

IN \_\_\_\_\_ OF SCRIPTURE AND IN \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_.

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. 2 Timothy 4:1-5 (NIV)

IN \_\_\_\_\_ WITH MY \_\_\_\_\_.

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth" 2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV)

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. James 1:22-25 (ESV)

IN \_\_\_\_\_.

"If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal." 1 Corinthians 13:1 (CEB)

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love...Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ," Ephesians 4:1-2, 15 (ESV)

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have, But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 1 Peter 3:15-17 (NIV)