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**FEBRUARY STUDY THEME: BATTLE FOR THE MIND**

**February 28, 2010 Lesson: "How Can Your Keep From Losing Your Mind ?**

**Scripture Passage: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:10-17**

**PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD SO THAT YOU CAN STAND AGAINST THE TACTICS OF THE DEVIL {Paul in 2 Cor. 6:11} Be Sober, Be Vigilant, For Your Adversary The Devil, As a Roaring Lion Walketh About Seeking Whom He May Devour. {Peter in 1 Peter 5:8}**

**Anyone who thinks that they can win a battle for their mind against the Devil, **and do it in their own strength, has another think coming!** When God created Adam and Eve, He created them with the freedom of choice. This means that **they then, and we now, can choose** to do right or wrong; to **obey God or disobey Him**. However, when we disobey Him, we should **be ready to suffer the consequences**. Conversely, when we obey God, **be ready to receive a blessing**. **Christians sin against God because they choose to do so**, not because they have to. **Non-Christians cannot** but help but commit sin against God, **and they will loose every battle, every time with the Devil.****

Every human being is in a **constant battle** with the Devil for control of our minds, and being neutral in this matter is not an option. **Our failure to know** that we are constantly in a battle can and will deceive you into thinking you can be neutral and somehow be immune to he Devil's schemes. It matters not at what stage you are in your spiritual life. What we need to understand is that the Devil has long ago declared war on us. Even if you are a Christian **he can't touch you** [1 John 5:18]. **Yet, he still fights to catch us off guard and to make us unfruitful.**

This week's Bible study will help believers fight and win the battle for the mind by showing you how to **put on the "full armor" of God.** The armor that believers are to put on represents the many spiritual resources you have in Christ for standing against the Devil's schemes. As you put the teachings of this bible study into practice, you will learn to be victorious in the battle for the mind. As you study, ask God for wisdom to know how to use His armor in your stand against the Devil's schemes.

## **LOOK OUT ! [Ephesians 6:10-12]**

### **Christian Warfare**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by His vast strength. <sup>11</sup> **Put on the full armor of God** so that you can stand against the tactics of the Devil. <sup>12</sup> For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens.

## **GEAR UP [Ephesians 6:13-17]**

<sup>13</sup> This is why you must **take up the full armor of God**, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand, therefore, **with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest,** <sup>15</sup> and **your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace.** <sup>16</sup> In every situation **take the shield of faith,** and with it you will be able to extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> **Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word.**

## **THINK STRATEGICALLY [2 Cor. 10:3-5]**

<sup>3</sup> **For although we are walking in the flesh, we do not wage war in a fleshly way,** <sup>4</sup> since the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments <sup>5</sup> and every high-minded thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.