

# THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE

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10 Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by His vast strength.

11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the Devil.

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12 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.

13 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.

# 1. The Rules of Engagement

a. Our Struggle is Personal.

12 For our battle is not against flesh and blood

The use of inclusive personal pronoun our denotes Paul's acknowledgement we all face struggles/battles.

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## b. Our Struggle is Real

12 For our battle is not against flesh and blood

KJV - wrestle

**It means hand to hand combat, *mano a mano*, as the Spanish would say.**

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## c. Our Struggle is Supernatural

12 For our battle is not against flesh and blood

This hand to hand combat is not fought by **conventional means**. We cannot fight the enemy like we would fight a mere man.

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## d. Our Struggle is Against Powerful Enemies

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# Truths About this Battle

- **The church is engaged in a spiritual war, and its enemy is Satan and a host of unseen angelic and celestial enemies whose power vastly exceeds our own**
- **Paul's focus in our text is not on every aspect of Satan's opposition to God and man, but on his war with the saints.**

## 2. Our Emphasis in Battle

10 Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by His vast strength.

**The Enemy defeats us when We rely on our own Power.**

**We defeat the enemy when We rely on God's Power.**

War has been won and the battle is Jesus'

# 3. Our Protection in Battle

**Our Protection Requires Putting on the Armor of God.**

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# 3. Our Protection in Battle

**Our Protection Requires Making a Stand.**

13...so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand.

# The Spiritual Battle

**We all face spiritual battles  
We all can defeat the enemy**

**Take up **His power** and **armor** today**