

1) Spiritual conflict is inevitable. Defeat is not. (v.13)

How much thought do you give to the connection between your physical world and the spiritual world?

What is going on in your physical world that you have neglected to connect to the spiritual world?

What would you do differently if you took the spiritual, invisible world more seriously?

Are you afraid of the devil? Why or why not?

2) God's strength is sufficient. My strength is not. (v.10)

Have you tried to fight the force of evil in your own strength? How did that work out for you?

3) The devil is my enemy. His victims are not. (v.11-12)

What schemes has the devil tried to use against you? How did you respond?

Who have you mistaken for your enemy?

How would you treat them differently if you considered them a victim of your enemy?

4) God's armor is effective. My best thinking is not. (v.14-17)

v. 14 BELT OF TRUTH – Do you have doubts about what is true? What do you do daily to fasten yourself to truth?

v. 14 BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS – Has your heart ever been broken by wrong choices on your part? How? How does right living protect your heart?

v. 15 SHOES OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE – Do you have an internal tranquility in the midst of the battles you are fighting? Is your life filled with stress, drama, worry, or peace?

v. 16 SHIELD OF FAITH...FLAMING DARTS – Discuss the five flaming darts identified by Pastor Trent. Which dart does the devil throw at you most often? How do you extinguish it by faith?

Five Flaming Darts from Flaming Lips that are Flaming Lies

1. “God isn’t there.”
2. “God doesn’t care.”
3. “God won’t provide.”
4. “God isn’t serious.”
5. “God won’t forgive.”

v. 17 HELMET OF SALVATION – Do you doubt your God’s work of salvation in your life? Have you ever had a spiritual concussion from failing to where your helmet?

v. 17 SWORD OF THE SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD – Describe a time when you were in hand to hand combat with the enemy. List at least three scriptures that you can commit to memory so that you have them ready to meet the enemy.

Additional Scripture

- 1Peter 5:8
- 2Cor. 11:14
- Romans 16:20
- Revelation 20:10
- James 4:7
- Ephesians 4:27
- 2Cor. 2:11
- Philippians 4:7