



THE ARMOR OF GOD

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Part #3 – Arming the Next Generation for Victory

1 Timothy 4:6-11

Series Summary

Have you ever felt like you were struggling spiritually? Have you ever felt like you were being attacked from a spiritual perspective? This series discusses the importance of recognizing the spiritual attack that you face as a Christian and teaches you how to overcome these attacks by putting on the strength of the Lord through the Armor of God. Here is what we will examine in this series...

- We will identify the different parts of the Armor of God for you...
- We will teach you why the Armor of God is important for your life...
- We will equip you with the tools you need to utilize the Armor of God in a daily basis...

Series Theme Passage

Ephesians 6:13 (HCSB) – 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.

Main Passage

1 Timothy 4:6-11 (ESV) – ⁶If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. ⁷Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; ⁸for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. ⁹The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. ¹⁰For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. ¹¹Command and teach these things.

Big Idea – Train Up the Next Generation with the Right Tools for Victory

Three Tools to Arm the Next Generation for Victory

Tool #1 – Discipleship – Be Trained to Live Out Your Faith

1 Timothy 4:6 (ESV) – ⁶If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.

- **Key Point:** The first tool that we examine is discovered in verse 6 as Paul strives to equip Timothy with the right tools for victory over the enemy. He begins by reminding him of the importance of warning Christians regarding the attack of false teachers and leaders. He also reminds every Christian that in order to stand against the enemy then you must be trained to live out your faith by clearly understanding the Word of God as well as Biblical doctrine. What is this process? It is called Discipleship.

Tool #2 – Affirmation – Discover Your Identity and Values in Lord

1 Timothy 4:7-9 (ESV) – ⁷Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; ⁸for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. ⁹The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. ¹⁰For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. ¹¹Command and teach these things.

- **Key Point:** The second tool that we examine is discovered in verses 7-9 as Paul reminds Timothy of the importance of “Affirmation” in the life of a Christian. Every Christian is bombarded by the lies of the world that strives to convince them of “what they are not.” This is why we must train up the current generation with the understanding of who they are” in Christ. We do this through the continual training of Godliness that happens through careful study of the Word of God.

Tool #3 – Determination – Never Stop Pursuing a Life that Pleases God

1 Timothy 4:10-11 (ESV) – ¹⁰For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. ¹¹Command and teach these things.

- **Key Point:** The third tool that we examine is discovered in verses 10-11 as Paul teaches Timothy the importance of “Determination” as a Christian. We will face trials of many kind in this life but we must continually strive to finish faithfully because our hope is not found in the things of this world but it is set on the Living God and the eternal prize!

Memory Verse

1 Timothy 4:7 (ESV) – Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness...

Challenge

Remind yourself that your responsibility, before the Lord, is to apply the truths you have discovered in the Word of God. As you reflect on this message, help others discover more about Jesus this week by...

- Inviting others to a Sunday Morning Service
- Handing out one of the information booklets from the front foyer
- Asking others how you could pray for them