



OVERCOMING EVIL



Every believer must not be overcome by evil, but believe that they can overcome evil with good.

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Romans 12:21

**“Do not be overcome by evil
but overcome evil with good.”**

**A. WE CANNOT LET OURSELVES
BE OVERCOME BY EVIL**



Influencing Factors of Being Evil

- Roy Baumeister

- 1. The simple desire for material gain**
- 2. Threatened egotism**
- 3. Idealism: "Noble ends are often seen as justifying violent means."**
- 4. The pursuit of sadistic pleasure:**

Jeremiah 17:9-10



“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” I the Lord searches the heart and examine the mind....”

B. WE CAN OVERCOME EVIL



1. KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN GOD



1 John 4:4

“You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”

i. You Are Of God

Genesis 1:27

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

ii. You Are His Child

John 1:12-13

“¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

iii. You Are Greater Than The Devil

1 Cor 6:19

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?”

2. HAVE FAITH

Revelation 12:11

“They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”

This passage highlights the victory believers have through Christ’s sacrifice and their steadfast witness.

3. REJECT EVIL

1 Thessalonians 5:22

“Reject every kind of evil.”

This reflects the call to live a life that is distinct from and contrary to evil behaviors.

Romans 12:9-20

“⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

Romans 12:9-20

“¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.”

Romans 12:9-20

“¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.’”

5. BE FULLY EQUIPPED BY GOD

Ephesians 6:10-11

“¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

Armour of God

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand (Ephesians 6:13 KJV).

Helmet of Salvation
(Ephesians 6:17)

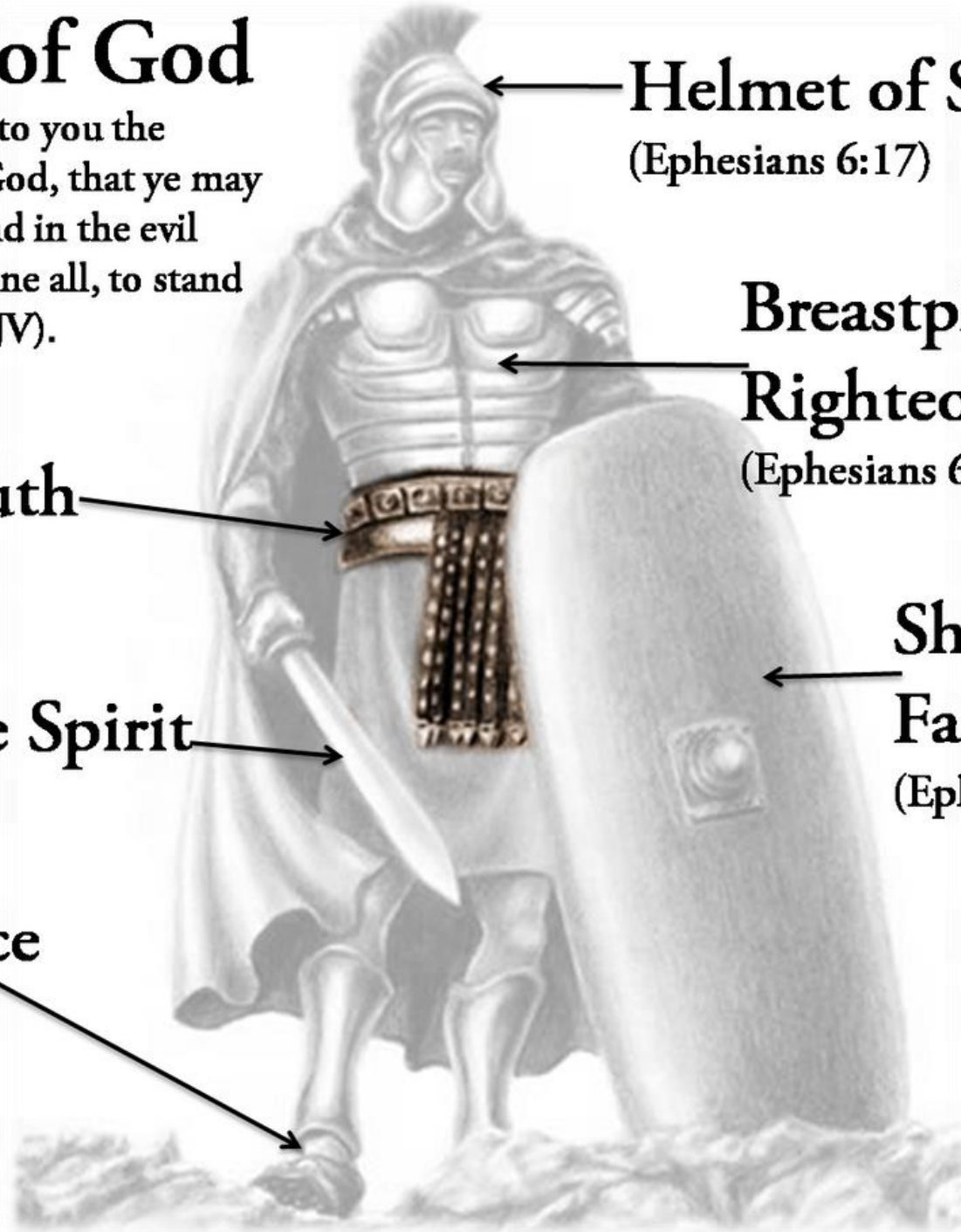
Breastplate of Righteousness
(Ephesians 6:14)

Belt of Truth
(Ephesians 6:14)

Shield of Faith
(Ephesians 6:16)

Sword of the Spirit
(Ephesians 6:17)

Feet of Peace
(Ephesians 6:15)



GOD'S ULTIMATE VICTORY

Revelation 20:10:

"And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

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- 1. Be sober and vigilant (1 Peter 5:8)**
- 2. Recognise the power of the Holy Spirit within us**
- 3. Speak the truth in faith, and testify of God's mighty work of salvation in our lives**
- 4. Reject evil and do good to others**
- 5. Be fully equipped by God**