

Ephesians 6:10-13

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.







1. We Need To Be Strong

2. This Strength Must Be God's Strength

3. We Are Instructed To Put On Armor That Belongs To God

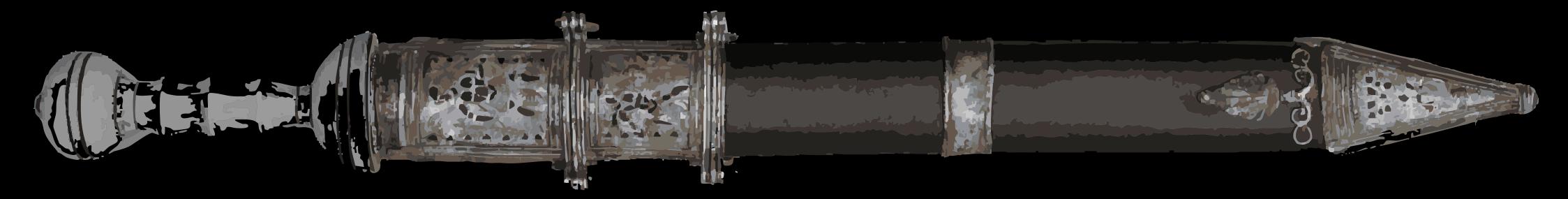


2. Clarification: The Enemies Against Whom We Stand Are Not Earthly

3. Our Enemies Are Spiritual Powers

1. The Reason: We Need The Full Armor To Stand Against God's Sworn Enemy





3. Take Up The Full Armor Of God 2. That You Might Withstand In The Evil Day

1. Having Done All, Stand

Paul Creates A Spiritual Checklist That Is Meant To Be Mentally Handy And Spiritually Practical

Girding Loins Helmet, Shoes, Shield, Helmet, Sword Praying Always



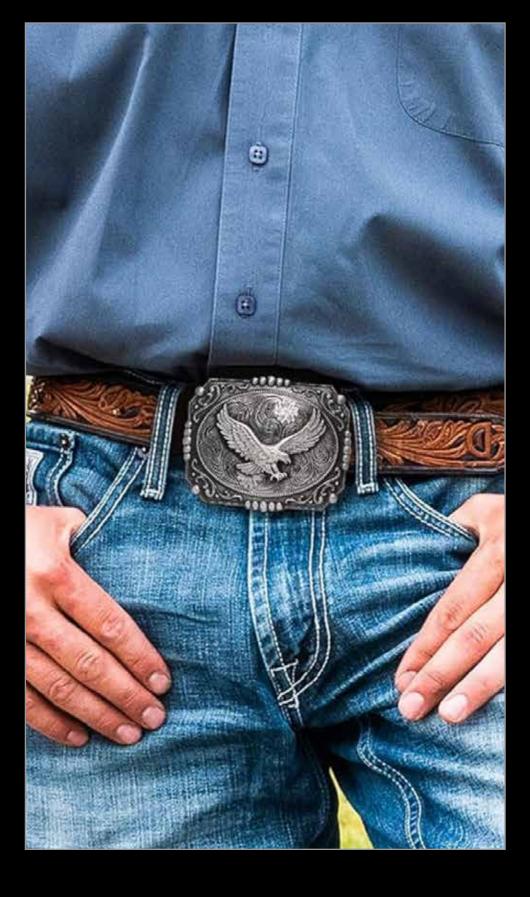


We Need To Think In Broad Catagories, Thinking While Using Concepts, Looking For **Relationships Between The** Physical Objects And Their **Connected Spiritual** Qualities.

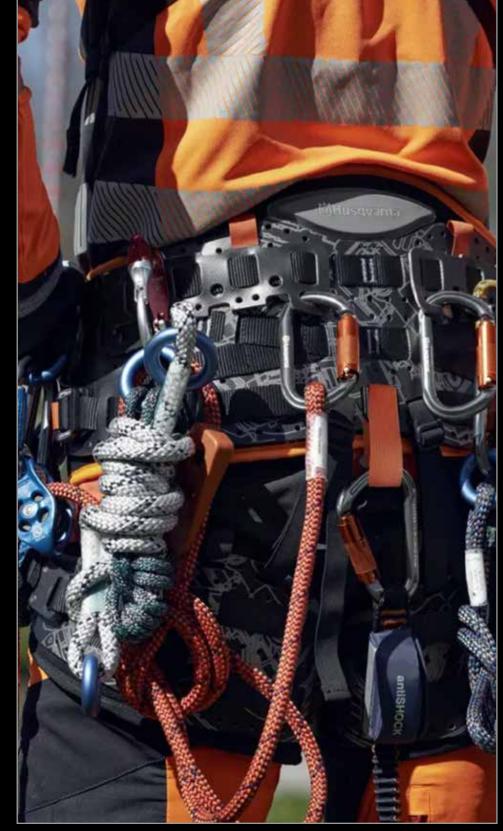


What Is The Universally Recognized Use Of A Belt?











The Challenge What Is The Universally Recognized Use Of The Listed Pieces Of Armor?

What Is Way The Roman Soldier Understood & Employed His Armor?

How Can We Determine The Relationship That Paul Wants Us To See Between The Armor Pieces And The Paired Spiritual Qualities?





Paul Uses Armor Of The Roman Soldier As A Picture Of The Christian Putting On God's Protections.

We Are Not Strong

We Attempt To Operate In Our Own Strengths

We Don't Discern Spiritual Things Because We Are Flesh



What Is The Universally Recognized Use Of A Belt?

1. Belts Attach Things To The Human Body.

2. Belts Attach A Human Body To Things.

What Is Way The Roman Soldier Understood & Employed His Armor?











What Is Way The Roman Soldier Understood & Employed His Armor?



1. The Belt Was A Symbol Of Identity

2. The Belt Was The Anchor Point For Girding The Loins

3. The Belt Had Attachment Points For Battle Accessories





Roman Soldiers Put On Their Belt First 1. Girded Loins Means We Start Each Day On A War Footing For Truth.

2. Girded Loins Means We Start Each Day Laying Aside Every Weight. "The Truth Sets You Free."

"The Battle Is The Lord's!"

The Belt Was A Mark Of Identity, A Badge Of Honor, As A Roman Soldier.

1. We Start Each Day With An Identity Reset, We Are A New Creation. "Everyone Who Is Of The Truth Hears My Voice."

"He Chose To Give Us Birth Through The Word Of Truth....."

The Belt Was A Reminder Of How Roman Soldiers Extracted Truth From Enemies.











1. We Don't Take Lives, But Carry The Tools To Save, Heal, And Care For Wounded.

2. Our Methods Are Not Intimidation, Force, Lies, Or Anger..., But Truth.

3. We Start Each Day By Recounting The Cost, We Identify In His Sufferings. "Becoming Like Him In His Death."