

We Are God's Family
Our Battle in Life is Spiritual
Ephesians 6:10-12

Ephesians 4-6: The Mature Christian Life

- 1) Our greatest priority is the unity of the **Family of God. 4:1-6**
- 2) We are equipped and gifted to serve in some way. **4:7-10**
- 3) God gives us "Equipping Leaders" to teach us. **4:11-16**
- 4) Jesus teaches us "truth" to re-create us so that we will be "**holy**" and "**righteous.**" **4:17-24**
- 5) "Truth" gives us seven principles relevant to the management of ourselves and our brethren. **4:25-32**
- 6) Our goal is to be God's children seeking to be like Him. **5:1-2**
- 7) "**Holiness**" involves eliminating immorality, impurity and coveting from our lives. **5:3-14**
- 8) "**Righteousness**" involves knowing exactly what God wants us to do in life in our management of people. **5:15-20**
- 9) "**Filled with the Spirit**" means encouraging, giving thanks and placing ourselves under others in order to promote them. **5:21-6:9**

Our True Battle in Life Eph. 6:10-13

1. We need to be focused on our priority to exalt Jesus Christ in our lives above all worldly concerns. Eph. 6:10

- Genesis 49:10-12** The Lion of Judah
II Samuel 7:12-16 A King descended from David
Isaiah 9:6-7 A child of God among us
Isaiah 11:1-10 The King who Establishes Peace on Earth.

2. We need to utilize everything God has provided in order to fight the multitude of assaults of the devil. Eph. 6:11

The full armor of God equips us to fight all spiritual assaults.

John 8:44 The devil has been a murderer from the beginning of time who deceives people by opposing truth with deception.

John 17:15 Jesus prayed to keep us from the "evil One."

3. We need to know that we are fighting an army committed to conquering and dividing us. Eph. 6:12

*From the sons of **Issachar**, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their kinsmen were at their command. I **Chronicles 12:32***

We are not fighting people!!!!!! We are fighting a deceptive army of unseen spirit beings with leadership structure committed to destroying derailing our commitments to God. **Daniel 10:12-13**

We Need to Know Our Enemy

- **We need to discern that the Devil's priority is destroying Christians and dividing the Family of God.**
- **We need to understand that the Devil accomplishes His work through lies and deceptive thoughts we believe.**

*Whenever he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the **father of lies.** John 8:44; Mat. 16:21-23*

We need to guard our minds!

- **Our victory over the Devil is through total commitment to exalting Jesus as the only person who can heal. John 8:32**