



Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand **against** the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not **against** flesh and blood, but **against** the rulers, **against** the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and **against** the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the **breastplate of righteousness in place**, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **Ephesians 6:10-17 (NLT)**

WHAT IS "RIGHTEOUSNESS" AND HOW CAN I BECOME RIGHTEOUS?

1. _____.

For I proclaim the name of the LORD; Ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He. **Deuteronomy 32:3-4 (NASB)**

2. _____.

There is no one righteous, not even one ... ²³ all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. **Romans 3:10, 23 (NIV)**

3. _____.

⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags ... **Isaiah 64:6 (NIV)**

4. _____.

⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a

righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Philippians 3:8-9 (NIV)

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. **Romans 3:21-26 (NIV)**

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²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)**

Putting on the Breastplate involves Seeking God's O.R.D.E.R.

O: _____.

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, ² for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. ³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. **Proverbs 3:1-4 (NIV)**

19b ... I, the Lord, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. **Isaiah 45:19 (NKJV)**

R: _____.

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding ... **Proverbs 3:5 (NIV)**

D: _____.

6 In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. **Proverbs 3:6 (NIV)**

E: _____.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. 8 This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. **Proverbs 3:7-8 (NIV)**

R: _____.

³² For the LORD detests the perverse but takes the upright into his confidence. ³³ The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous. **Proverbs 3:32-33 (NIV)**