



*Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil...Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:10-17 (NLT)*

### WHAT IS THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT?

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*Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Eph. 6:17 (NLT)*

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*God's word is living, active, sharper than any two-edged sword. Hebrews 4:12*

### JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE

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 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" **Luke 4:1-4 (NIV)**

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" **Luke 4:5-8 (NIV)**

9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; 11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 12 Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. **Luke 4:9-13 (NIV)**

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **James 4:7 (NIV)**

### HOW CAN I EFFECTIVELY USE THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. 2 Timothy 4:1-5 (NIV)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth" 2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)*

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22 (NIV)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have, but do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. **1 Peter 3:15-17 (NIV)**

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal." 1 Corinthians 13:1 (CEB)*

*"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love...Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ," Ephesians 4:1-2, 15 (ESV)*