

Praying the Armor of God; Part 1

"Sunday: Strap on the Belt of Truth"

Ephesians 6:10-20

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Things we do to protect those we love: _____

1. This world is a battle-zone. (10-12)
 - Our loved-one's enemy is shrewd and crafty.
 - Our loved-one's enemy is well organized.
 - Our loved-one's enemy is spiritual, not physical.
2. Our loved ones are in danger. (13)
 - The question is not if they will be attacked, but when.
 - They need to be fully armed.
 - They need God's Armor, not just their own.
3. I can help protect them through prayer. (14-18)

The 6 pieces of armor, plus prayer correspond with the days of the week.

4. The first piece of armor is the belt of truth. (14)

In business or in the workplace - people lie 36% of the time.

69% of people surveyed say that lie to their spouses.

People who lie to their family and friends ranges anywhere from 75-86%.

91% of people surveyed say they lie on a regular basis

"Truth" = God's perspective about all matters.

5. Every Sunday, take time to pray truth into the lives of those we love.

Read chapters 1 and 2 of Praying the Armor of God to prepare for your small group discussions this week. Chapters 1 and 2 are combined for this week. Bring a favorite belt to your group. (see page 204)