



Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 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.

What does it mean to be battle ready?

What does it mean to stand?

#H5324 natsab (na-tsav') to stand, take one's stand, stand upright, be set (over), establish, to station.

Webster's dictionary says:

To take up and/or maintain one's position/posture, stand firm

Ephesians 6:14-18 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

Belt of Truth

Ephesians 5:6 Let no man deceive you with desolate words.

GIRD:

1 a: to encircle or bind with a flexible band (such as a belt)

c: surround

2: provide, equip, to **prepare (oneself) for action: muster up one's resources**

Breastplate of Righteousness

Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Feet shod with Peace

Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man that does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful.

Isaiah 52:7 How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Shield of faith

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be on guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous; be strong.

1 Peter 5:9 Resist him standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

Helmet of salvation

Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height

nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Romans 10:9-10 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Sword of The Spirit=Word of God

Hebrews 4 :12 For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Closing thoughts.....

Ephesians 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner in the LORD, beg you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and humility with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, being eager to keep unity of the Spirit in the bond of shalom.

Ephesians 5:15 Therefore watch carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise; redeeming the time, because the days are **evil**.

*Evil: panaros=hurtful, from=panos=toil, anguish & pain