

Gear Up Part 3 - Sunday

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The Breastplate of Righteousness

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Ephesians 6:13-14

Ephesians 6:13, *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*

Questions About the Breastplate of Righteousness:

Question 1: What Does the Breastplate Do?

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

2 Timothy 4:2, *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.*

Romans 7:15, *I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ... 19 For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.*

Proverbs 25:28, *Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.*

1 Timothy 4:1, *The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. 2 Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose*

consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

Question 2: How Do I Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness?

1. ADMIT You Are a Sinner in Need of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:24, *“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”*

2. BELIEVE in Jesus Christ as Your Savior

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

3. COMMIT to Follow Jesus Christ by Faith Today

2 Corinthians 6:2, *For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.*

Question 3: How Do I Live Out the Breastsplate of Righteousness?

1. Acknowledge Your Righteousness Is Not PERFECT LIVING

Matthew 5:20, *For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.*

2. Don’t Ever Stop Growing Your RIGHTEOUSNESS

2 Peter 1:5, *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.*

3. Let Your Imperfect Righteousness Shine Before OTHERS

Matthew 5:16, *...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*