

Gear Up Part 1 - Sunday

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We Need to Gear Up With the Armor of God!

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Ephesians 6:10-13

John 16:33, *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

Ephesians 1:3, *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.*

Why Do We Need to Gear Up?

1. Gearing Up Allows Us to Live in GOD'S POWER

Ephesians 6:10, *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.*

Ephesians 3:16, *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

2. Gearing UP Allows Us to Stand Up to SATAN'S ATTACKS

Ephesians 6:11, *Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take*

your stand against the devil's schemes.

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

3. Gearing Up Allows Us to See Beyond Our PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES

Ephesians 6:12, *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.*

John 10:10, *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

Two Common Mistakes Christians Make:

- **We Underestimate the Enemies POWER**

1 Peter 5:6, *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 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. 10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

- **We Underestimate Our Own POTENTIAL**

1 Samuel 17:45, *David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.*

4. Gearing Up Allows Us to Stand OUR GROUND

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.*

Luke 4:13, *When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.*

Joshua 1:9, *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."*