Armor of God Checklist

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The promise of long life and things going well is—NKJV **Ephesians 6:1** "*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.* **2** *Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise."*

Our *walk* in faith and our trust on God improves our relationships—children and parents; employee and employers; and with fellow believers.

Children need to be *trained* and *told* to always respect authority—from police officers to crossing-guards; to parents and adults, etc.

Obedience to God's Word within a household shows children that God is the *ultimate authority* of everyone.

Children should see Dad loving Mom—and Mom respecting Dad. **Ephesians 6:4**—Fathers should not provoke children to anger, but always giving them godly instruction with patience and love.

Ephesians 6:5—Employees should respect those over them and to work diligently at all times—whether the boss is watching or not.

An employee should not look for human approval, as God *sees* the hearts and He always *knows* when someone is serving sincerely.

Taking care of our responsibilities is pleasing to God **8** and He rewards the good we do at work or anywhere.

Ephesians 6:9 *"And you, masters, do the same things to them."* Employers *should* treat workers fairly because *both* have a Master in heaven.

A Christian employee should show *patience* to coworkers when no one else does; they keep their word; and always do the *right thing* even if doing the *wrong thing would be* easier.

Serving Jesus means doing the right thing *all the time*—God *knows* everything—*that* is what counts.

Whatever duties we have to take care of—*Jesus is at the center* of them. Christlike interaction with others is only done correctly with the Holy Spirit's help.

Ephesians 5:18 "*Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*"

Knowing what Jesus did for us on the Cross, should have us pray for Christlike relationships with all people.

Jesus gave the *pattern* and showed the *humility* that should always be the basis for our conduct at home or in the workplace.

Everyone stands before God at some point and will give Him an account of their life on earth.

Whether we are serving *under* authority or *exercising* authority ***Christ is Lord of both***.

Our *faith in God* is demonstrated by how ***we treat*** people at work; in the home; and at all times.

Ephesians 6:10 "*Be strong in the Lord and in the power of* ***His*** *might.* **11** *Put on the* ***whole*** *armor of God, that you may be able to* ***stand*** *against the wiles of the devil*."

Every day we ask God for the ability to do our work—putting on His *complete* armor before leaving the house.

Satan has a playbook, and he has a devious plan to defeat you. Our being prepared is vital as we battle spiritual forces in close contact.

Ephesians 6:12 "*Against spiritual wickedness in high places.* **13** *Therefore, take up the* ***whole*** *armor of God, that you may be* ***able*** *to withstand.*

Satan prowls to find a *chink* in our armor or a weak vulnerable place. If we lose the battle we can be devoured by the enemy.

Every weapon and the entire armor is needed to withstand this adversary. If we turn our back on God, the breastplate and shield give no protection from fiery darts at our back.

NIV **Ephesians 6:14** "*Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place*,

15 *and with your feet [shoes] fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace*.

16 *In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.*

17 *Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*"

The ***Belt*** holds the other weapons next to us—and *all* are needed in this battle. We must recognize deception; remain obedient to God's Word; and keep the ***breastplate*** guarding our heart.

We must conduct our life in a way that reflects the *righteousness of Christ*.

Our ***Shoes*** help us walk in truth—showing by our conduct that we are at peace with God—and bringing peace to situations where conflict may be brewing.

We are to carry Christ's message of peace and goodwill wherever we go and whomever we interact with.

The ***Shield*** of faith protects us from giving in to Satan's doubts, fears, and temptations. Using this shield by acting in faith protects us from being deceived.

The ***Helmet*** of salvation protects our head and our mind—where thoughts take place—where Satan tries to influence our thinking.

The ***Sword*** of the Spirit is the Word of God—so we read and meditate on it every day.

Knowing Scripture enables us to *recognize* error; to *resist* temptation; and to *respond* in Christlike ways to challenging situations.

The ***Armor of God Checklist*** reminds us that we have to actively carry *with* us what God faithfully *gives* us—a ***Belt*** of truth; ***Breastplate*** of righteousness; ***Shoes*** of peace; ***Shield*** of faith; ***Helmet*** of salvation; and ***Sword*** of the Spirit.

NIV **Ephesians 6:18** "*And pray in the Spirit on **all** occasions with **all** kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for **all** the saints.*"

We agree in prayer for all believers—remaining watchful and alert. Prayer is not *optional* but *essential* in this spiritual battle.

Keeping our trust *on God* and our faith *in Christ* concerning every-day situations is vitally important.

NIV **Ephesians 6:19** "*Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, **words** may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,*

20 *for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.*"

The apostle recognized his need for prayer, as we all do—praying for God's peace to be with us at all times; enjoyed in our home; during work; and showing divine love toward everyone always.

The apostle was a *representative* for Jesus even while he was in prison. His desire was to always speak the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus—**Acts 20:27** "*I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God."*

We too are an ambassador for the Lord Jesus in all that we say and how we act each day. May God help us walk in His Truth by obeying His Word with every issue we face in life.

The apostle sends **21** "*Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord*" to inform them how he was doing, and **22** *that he may encourage you* in the faith.

Closing with **23** "*Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.* **24** *Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.*"

The apostle *concludes* his letter—mentioning the grace of God being at the *center*; reminding them that the Christian life is sustained by *love* for God and *trust* in faith on the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Every day it's *Off with the old; and On with the new attitude* of faith and trust in God's Word as we interact with others—asking for God's *grace* and *peace* to be with them every day!

Summary of the Armor we put on:

1 Belt of Truth
2 Breastplate of Righteousness
3 Shoes of the Gospel of Peace
4 Shield of Faith
5 Helmet of Salvation
6 Sword of the Spirit
7 Praying always

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