

Identifying the Real Enemy

Ephesians 6:11-12

(2 boxers)

- I. The battle we're to fight, vs. 11.
 - A. The efforts of the battle, vs. 11.
 1. Put on the whole armour of God... vs. 11.
 2. (a knight fully dressed)
 3. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; vs. 18.
 4. (an abused child or woman)
 5. I Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.
 6. II Timothy 4:6-7
 7. I Timothy 6:11-12, 14 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:
 8. (people on their knees praying)
 - B. The effects of the battle, vs. 11.
 1. ...that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil., vs. 11.
 2. Colossians 3:8-10 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with

his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

3. Put on the whole armour of God... Ephesians 6:11.
4. If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15.
5. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. Galatians 5:22-26.
- II. The battle we're to flee, vs. 12.
 - A. God wants us to understand the fight, vs. 12.
 1. For we wrestle not against... vs. 12.
 2. (2 fighters with one pinned)
 - B. God wants us to understand the foe, vs. 12.
 1. ...not against flesh and blood... vs. 12.
 2. (man and the devil)
 3. I Corinthians 9:25-26 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: