

STAND
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*“Not by might, not by power but by my spirit says the Lord.”
Zechariah 4:6 ESV*

*It is the Spirit who gives life; **the flesh is no help at all.** The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.
John 6:63 ESV*

*10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your **stand** against the devil's schemes. 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. 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, 15 and with your feet 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. 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 Lord's people.
Ephesians 6:10-18 NLT*

*Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven--if there was anything to forgive--I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, 11 in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of **his schemes.**
2 Corinthians 2:10-11 NIV*

SATAN'S STRATEGIES

1. To Confuse Us About Who We Are Fighting.

*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.
Ephesians 6:12*

2. To Get Us Out Of The Word

*Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist
Ephesians 6:14a*

3. To Get Us Mired In Sin

*with the breastplate of righteousness **in place**
Ephesians 14b*

4. To Keep Us From Unity

*and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from
the gospel of peace.
Ephesians 6:15*

*"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,
27 and do not give the devil a foothold.
Ephesians 4:26-27*

5. To Get Us Doubting God's Word

*In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all
the flaming arrows of the evil one.
Ephesians 6:16*

6. To Get Us To Leave Our Minds Unprotected

*Take the helmet of salvation
Ephesians 6:17a*

7. To Keep Us Ignorant of Our Only Offensive Weapon. - The Word of God.

*Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God.
Ephesians 6:17*

8. To Keep Us Prayerless

*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 Lord's people.
Ephesians 6:18*