

Busted Brackets and the preparation for battle

2 Corinthians 10:3-5, "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

3 Things We Need for the Battle at Hand

1. Know the Enemy – Ephesians 6:11-12

Satan is REAL

Humans are not the Enemy

Colossians 2:6-8, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

Worldview Foundations Class would be a great next step when it is offered again.

2. Put on Jesus – Ephesians 6:13



1. Belt of Truth – Eph 1:13

2. Breastplate of Righteousness – Eph 2:4

3. Feet with the Gospel – Eph 2:10

4. Shield of Faith – Eph 2:8

5. Helmet of Salvation – Eph 1:7

6. Sword of the Spirit – the Word of God

3. Fight from Your Knees – Ephesians 6:18

Paul has a corporate mindset in these words.

AW Tozer, "What comes to our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

Nancy Mairs, Christian Author: "Who one believes God to be is most accurately revealed not in any credo but in the way one speaks to God when no one else is listening."

Richard Foster, "By praying we learn to pray."

Thomas Merton "If you want a life of prayer, the way to get it is by praying."

Mother Teresa, "If we really mean to pray and want to pray we must be ready to do it now."

**Until you have prayed, you are ill equipped to do anything else.
Until the Church has prayed, Eagle is ill equipped to do anything else.**

We must see prayer as a battle – it is how we fight

Karl Barth, "To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world."