

STRONGER

Part 6: Dress for Strength

TEXT: Ephesians 6:10 NKJV

OUR NEED FOR SPIRITUAL ARMOR (Ephesians 6:11-13 NKJV)

- Spiritual armor for our spiritual environment
 1. Enables us to stand against what Satan throws at us
 2. People are not our problem - so don't get caught up fighting against people
- Truth (***Ephesians 6:14 NKJV***)
 1. We are living in the days of deception
 2. The truth of God's word is protection for us (***John 17:17 NKJV***)
- The response to God's word is important (***Acts 17:10-12 NKJV***)
 1. Noble - open / fair-minded and honoring of God
 2. Received the word - did not reject the message
 3. Double checked the message with the scriptures to determine truth

THE CONTRAST

- The people in Jesus' hometown (***Mark 6:1-6 NKJV***)
 1. Not open and fair-minded - skeptical and questioning
 2. They did not receive Jesus with eagerness
 3. Offended and rejected the truth - no honor
 4. This led to unbelief and them missing out on God's blessings
- The people across the lake (***Mark 6:53-56 NKJV***)
 1. Immediately recognized Him
 2. Ran throughout the region - some excitement
 3. Very honoring of Jesus - no special treatment
 4. Received miraculous results

THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- Righteousness
 1. Right, just
 2. Being just and right without any deficiency or failure
- Positional righteousness
 1. No one righteous on their own (***Romans 3:9-10 NKJV***)
 2. God's righteousness through faith (***Romans 3:21-26 NKJV***)
 3. Righteousness is one of the pillars of our gospel (***Romans 1:16-17 NKJV***)
- Practical righteousness
 1. Conforming to what is just and right in the sight of God (***2 Timothy 2:22 NKJV***)
 2. Being made righteous means we can live righteous (***1 Peter 2:21-24 NKJV***)