

Advice When Attacked

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Ephesians 6.
- B. There is a great struggle that is synonymous with life where you are.
- C. What to do when facing the wiles of the devil.

II. Put on the armor of God.

III. Pray.

A. There is a strong relationship between putting on the armor of God and praying—both are needed and indivisible.

B. Putting on the armor of God is not something figurative—it is reality.

- 1. This is the adjustment of the attitude of your heart to reality.
- 2. It is thinking through the implications of the facts which revelation discloses.
- 3. Thus, we desperately need the revelation of the facts of Scripture.
- 4. We bring in every thought into captivity for Christ and express it through practical application.

C. We first think through and then pray. Our prayers will then be relevant and thoughtful.

D. There is “all prayer” and then “supplication.”

- 1. Prayer is conversation with God.
- 2. Supplication is asking for some basic request. (Philippians 4)
 - a. Worry about nothing. Put on the armor of God and face the facts.
 - b. Pray about everything and the peace of God will guard your minds.

E. Prayer reveals:

- 1. The existence of an invisible kingdom.
- 2. That we have confidence.
- 3. That God answers prayer—prayer is purposeful and powerful.

F. God answers prayer according to His promises.

G. We are to pray in the Spirit.

1. This is not descriptive of simply an emotion.
2. It means to pray according to the promises of God and in His character.
3. God answers immediately in this type of prayer.
4. Learn to master the art of praying.
5. There is a quiet and mighty power at work in this kind of prayer.

H. Through prayer, we can call on resources for others who are not adequately equipped.

I. Paul constantly prays for the spiritual intelligence of those who followed him. (II Timothy 2, James)

Application questions:

1. What is “putting on the armor of God” and why must it precede prayer?

2. What does it mean to pray in the Spirit?

3. How have you seen prayer bear fruit? How are you willing to make a renewed commitment to prayer today?
