

SPIRITUAL ARMOR

How To Wake Up With Confidence!

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🌀 **QUESTION:** How do you wake up in the morning?

🌀 **DAVID'S MORNING CONFIDENCE: [Psalm 57:7-8]**

☀️ David woke with confidence in the face of his _____:

TODAY'S BIG IDEA

To face the day with confidence!

*It's not as much about **WHAT** we face but **WHO** we face*

🌀 **PAUL'S CONFIDENCE:**

☀️ Based on the _____ of the Roman legionnaires

How to wake up and face the day with Confidence...

1. WE NEED THE _____ TO COMBAT SATAN'S LIES V.14

■ ■ Satan's lies are _____!

■ ■ Satan's lies are also _____! [2 Peter 3:17-18]

⚙️ Pick up **THE WORD** and put on the belt of **TRUTH**. [Psalm 63:1]

2. WE NEED THE _____ TO GUARD OUR HEART. V.14

■ ■ Paul is speaking of _____ Righteousness not _____ own. [Phil 3, Prov 2:7]

■ ■ **Unflattering:** Righteousness apart from God is _____

⚙️ We guard our heart by _____ to God's Word [Prov 4:20-23]

3. WE NEED THE _____ THAT GIVES US SIGNIFICANCE. V.14 [1 PET 3:15]

■ ■ First the Gospel is the _____ we _____!

- It is _____ [1 Pet 3:15] It is _____ [v14] It is _____ [Isa 52:7]

■ ■ Second the Gospel is the _____ we need to _____!

The Gospel is called Good News, because it is!

4. WE NEED THE _____ THAT GIVES US CONFIDENCE! V.14

■ ■ It is faith that allows us to advance into the _____
and pursue **GOD'S AGENDA!**

5. WE NEED THE _____ THAT SHAPES OUR THINKING. V.14

■ ■ When our mindset is not controlled by what we experience
here on earth but what is promised to us in _____! [1 Thess 5:8-11]

6. WE NEED THE _____ TO FIGHT AGAINST THE ENEMY. V.14

■ ■ The Word of God exposes the _____ to us.

■ ■ The Word of God is how we fight **TEMPTATION** & **SIN!**

■ ■ The Word of God is very _____. [Heb 4:12-13]

7. WE NEED THE _____ THAT EMPOWERS US. V.14

⚙ ALL TIMES = Everything is _____ -worthy and _____ -worthy!

⚙ Praying in the Spirit means not praying in the _____!

🌀 CLOSE:

☀ Every piece of the armor of God pertains to our _____ in Christ Jesus.

☀ We are in the battle _____.

Psalm 57:7-8 HCSB

My heart is confident, God, my heart is confident. I will sing; I will sing praises.
8 Wake up, my soul! Wake up, harp and lyre! I will wake up the dawn.

Ephesians 6:10-20 ESV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Common Lies Satan Tells Us!

<input type="checkbox"/> God doesn't really love you	<input type="checkbox"/> It doesn't matter.
<input type="checkbox"/> You are all alone.	<input type="checkbox"/> No one will get hurt.
<input type="checkbox"/> No one understands your situation.	<input type="checkbox"/> No one will find out.
<input type="checkbox"/> Life is hopeless.	<input type="checkbox"/> It's just a little lie.
<input type="checkbox"/> If God loved you then this wouldn't be happening.	<input type="checkbox"/> It's not that big of a deal.
	<input type="checkbox"/> This will ease the pain.
<input type="checkbox"/> You aren't good enough for God.	<input type="checkbox"/> There's no other way.
<input type="checkbox"/> You will never beat that behavior.	<input type="checkbox"/> You have tomorrow.
<input type="checkbox"/> You aren't able or capable.	<input type="checkbox"/> God's not coming back.
<input type="checkbox"/> God didn't really say that.	<input type="checkbox"/> The Bible is out-of-date.
<input type="checkbox"/> They deserve it.	<input type="checkbox"/> The Bible is unreliable.

2 Peter 3:17-18 ESV

You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Psalm 63:1 NKJV

O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You;
My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.

Proverbs 2:7 ESV

He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
He is a shield to those who walk in integrity,

Proverbs 4:20-23 NLT

My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words.
21 Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart,
22 for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body.
23 Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

1 Peter 3:15 ESV

...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you...

Isaiah 52:7-8 ESV

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8 The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 ESV

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Hebrews 4:12-13 ESV

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Application & Transformation

- Where have you seen Satan attacking lately?
- Which piece of armor do you need to pay greater attention to?
- Which lie(s) of Satan are you most susceptible to?
- What was most encouraging about this mornings message?
- What was most challenging about this mornings message?