

A NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCLUSION 2021

AN ENDING TO A YEAR OF PERSONAL CHOICES, DECISIONS AND COMMITMENTS

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The Great Put On

Living A Victorious Christian Life By Being Equipped For Every Moment

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I am sure that you will agree with me when I say; that we live now - in a very different culture than we have known. This "New Worldview" has not been localized to the United States, Europe, the Middle East or Asia, no – We have all been baptized into a universal, global shift, that is being played out in every single area of life.

2 Timothy 3:1-2

But know this, that in the Last Days perilous times will come:
2 For men will be lovers of themselves.

That is a commentary on the present condition of man's heart

These Last Days

will be marked by a greater increase in godlessness, apathy and lawless behavior.

Matthew 24:3-4,12

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age? 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, "I am the Christ," and will deceive many... 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

So, what are we to do as Christians in this New Year to Come and what can we expect this year to be like?

Well, We Don't Know – But We Know That He Knows!

We're going to look at 10 disciplines to "Put On" in 2022 as we live into a year that brings us closer to the return of Jesus Christ!

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness 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. :14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints!

As a Christian-Follower of the Lord Jesus Christ,
my Bible teaches me that we are always at war with this world.

In fact, at this hour, my greatest concern is that there are just
a few Christian-Follower's that believe this invisible war is literally underway as I speak.

The most effective way to gain the upper hand in warfare is to get
your enemy to believe that you're not really at war with em'.
(Get em' to look elsewhere, add some distractions and preoccupations and you'll have em')

This is What Happens...

2 Peter 3:10-12a

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God,

This is What We Do About It...

2 Timothy 2:3-4

You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

The Great Put On

1.) Put On What Is Christ

vs. 10-11a

Ephesians 6:10-18

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Romans 13:12-14

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,

Verse 10a

Finally, my brethren,

finally, grk: loipoi
the remaining or this is what remains, from now on, from this point forward, into the future, the things that remain.

Verse 10b

be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

strong, grk: endunamoo
to power up, to empower or grow stronger, increasing in strength from strength.

power, grk: kratos
dominion from having taken or overpowered the foe, mighty deeds.

Verse 11a

11 Put on the whole armor of God,

put on, grk: enduo
to clothe yourself or be clothed with, to sink or to be poured into a garment. With the intent of becoming one with what you're wearing.

whole armor, grk: pano'plia
all of, everything, we get the term "armed to the teeth" meaning that the warrior has all that he needs but adds a knife to the teeth so as to be totally armed.

The Great Put On

2.) Put On What Is Tough

vs. 11b

that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Think about what's going on **in your life?**
Think about what's going on **in the lives of those you know?**
Think about what's going on **in the church that you attend?**
Think about what's going on **in the family you live in?**
Think about what's going on **in the world around you?**

In These "Invisible Wars" Is Where Agendas are Established and Powers Seized for the Controlling of Life Here...

Gehazi & Elisha

2 Kings 6:16-17

So Elisha answered, *"Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."* 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, *"LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see."* Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Verse 11b

that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

God's plan is to Enable you while Satan's Plan is to Disable you.

This might be one of the most terrifying verses in the Bible for Satan
(if Christians were to believe it)

able, grk: dunamai
to be able, to make able, to have power by having been given power.

stand, grk: histemi
to be ordered to stand in place against, to be made, equipped to stand, to stand with a leaning into or forward towards. (What if Christians leaned into the troubles, the problems, the issues, the local elections, school board, city council, police chief, sheriff, mayor... etc...)

against, grk: pros
to come in from or to enter in from the side (off the bench) of or to come from a place of non-engagement to engagement. (denotes motion toward a local proximity), toward (denotes motion toward a place) pertaining to the resistance of a coming threat or evil.

a great example of “pros” the leaning into, the standing against

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Acts 1:6-8

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Jesus, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Luke 10:18-21

And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.” 21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,

wiles, grk: methodeia
to employ a craft, deceit, plots, schemes, trip hazards and hidden traps. (methodologies)

Matt. 4:11

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

Luke 4:13 NLT

When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

An example of this is seen in Peter's life...

Luke 22:31

And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.

Verse 12

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

wrestle, grk: esti, es-tee'
to grapple with, to grab by hand, the closest form of warfare, hand to hand combat.

THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE

2 Corinthians 10:4-6

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

principalities, grk: arche
the beginning of the reigning powers or the first powers of or over a region

powers, grk: exousia
authorities, those in positions of power, jurisdictions.

rulers, grk: kosmokrator
a invisible powers that seek to rule, influence this world.

spiritual hosts, grk: poneria
dark powers of iniquity, wicked entities, the ideas and plans of the invisible wicked

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3.) Put On What Is Strong

vs.13-14a

**“What have we Bibles for, ministers and preaching for,
if we mean not to furnish ourselves by them with armour for the evil day?”
- William Gurnall**

Verse 13

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day,

withstand grk: an'this'temi
to set up a line of defense against that which opposes, to resist,
to ward off, to deflect away from you (shield it)

”In the evil day”

Verse 13b-14a

and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore,

note the bookends to the command **“therefore”**
at the beginning of **verse 13** and again at **verse 14**.

Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free,
and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

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4.) Put On What Is Right

vs.14b

having girded your waist with truth,

girded grk: **perizonnumi**
to be wrapped, bound, “fashioned for readiness” having dressed
for an immediate response. (the use of a belt or a selection of belts
used to secure)

How do you see yourself getting dressed for the New Year?

waist grk: **osphus**
the loins as in producing a descendant(s), to be spiritually
procreative of a godly heritage. (son(s) in the faith).

truth grk: aletheia
what is right or rightly. truth being an eternal reality, a never changing argument, truth, right position,

John 14:6a
Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.

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5.) Put On What Is Bold

vs.14c

having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

There is the boldness of the world, which is always repulsive, embarrassing and shallow because it's rooted in ego and arrogance. Then there's the boldness of the Lord. It is clean. It is power. It is persuasive – influential.

Proverbs 28:1
The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

We're not talking about being an introvert or extrovert.

We're **not** talking about someone with a salesmanship type of personality or someone who is the life of the party. **We're talking about someone whose life is dedicated and surrender to the will of God.**

This boldness comes from being "righteous"
which comes from God himself. More specifically from the person and from the possession of the Holy Spirit in someone's life.

Right Living Profits a Great Deal in Many Ways;
Meaning – being free of guilt and shame. free from criticism

breastplate grk: thorax
to encase or to cover, to protect what is vital. (the coat of mail, encase, cover, protect the righteousness that has been given you by use of it)

will you forgive me in advance?

I see my life, our lives set more on a battlefield or in some epic exchange of warfare.

Jude 24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

If there's a passage that's fitting for this year to come - it would have to be this one;

Matthew 5:10-16

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. :13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. :14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

End of Study

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