

**“The Real War on Terror, part 1:
Exposing Our Greatest Enemy—Satan”**

Ephesians 6:10-13

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“¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes [‘wiles’ KJ; ‘methods’ GRK] of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”

1. We are engaged in a spiritual war.

“our struggle” (6:12)

“take up the full armor” (6:13)

“in the heavenly places” (6:12)

2. Throughout history, believers have resorted to various methods to fight the battle.

“flesh and blood” (6:12)

- A. Physical fighting
- B. Civil disobedience
- C. Government legislation
- D. Human reason/manipulation
- E. Hyper mystical/religious superstition

3. To win the war we need to know our enemy.

A. The devil

“that you may be able to stand against ... the devil” (6:11)

B. His demons

“the rulers... the powers...the world forces of this darkness” (6:12)

4. To win the war, we need to be aware of Satan's schemes.

"the schemes of the devil" (6:11)

5. To win the war, we need to use God's power.

"be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might" (6:10)

"Put on the full armor of God" (6:11)

6. To win the war, we need to use God's strategy.

"stand firm...resist...stand firm" (6:11, 13)

*"resist the devil and he will flee from you"
(James 4:7)*

