

**Digging Deeper Study**  
**Reshaped Battle**  
**Week of May 18, 2025**

<p><b>Ephesians NIV</b> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.</p>	<p>"In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1) in all things, charity." (John 13:34)</p> <p>Read the text completely, then come back and discuss the questions.</p> <p>Identify from the following passages 5 ways to "be strong in the Lord:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ezekiel 36:26</li><li>2. Galatians 5:16, Romans 8:5-6</li><li>3. Romans 12:2</li><li>4. Ephesians 6:10</li><li>5. Hebrews 10:24-25</li></ol> <p>As we remain "strong in the Lord," identify God's Responsibility:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10</li><li>2. John 14:16-17</li><li>3. Ephesians 1:13-14, 1 Peter 1:5</li></ol> <p>Our Responsibility:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Philippians 4:13</li><li>2. Colossians 3:2</li><li>3. Galatians 5:22-23</li></ol>
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<sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Being aware of the devil's schemes is important, but it's crucial to maintain a balance perspective. Why? What should be our main focus? How do these verses help you maintain this balance? Romans 8:38-39, Colossians 2:15, 1 John 4:4

Why is it important to remember that our struggle is not against other people? John 13:34-35. Why does focusing on the finished work of Christ help when we struggle with evil in the world? Colossians 2:15, Romans 8:37

What does the Bible say about the devil and the spiritual forces of evil?

Origin and Fall: Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel 28:12-17

Deceiver and Accuser: John 8:44, Revelation 12:10

Tempter: Matthew 4:1-11

Defeated Foe: Colossians 2:15, Hebrews 2:14-15, 1 John 5:18, Romans 8:38-39

Final Judgement: Revelation 20:10

The day of evil refers to times or moments when believers face intense spiritual challenges or attacks. It's not necessarily a specific day, but rather any period when the enemy's schemes are particularly active or when circumstances seem overwhelming. What should we do when we find

ourselves in the midst of a "day of evil" Underline all of the strategies in this text and then look at these passages: 1 John 4:4, Ephesians 6:18

To "stand" means maintaining a firm and unwavering position in faith, regardless of the challenges faced. It reflects a posture of confidence and trust in God's strength and victory. The phrase "and after you have done everything, to stand" from Ephesians 6:13 emphasizes the importance of perseverance and resilience in the face of spiritual challenges. Here's what it means:

Be prepared: Ephesians 6:14-17 (Next Sunday's text)

Rely on God's strength: Ephesians 6:10, Philippians 4:13

Endure and persevere: James 1:2-4, 2 Corinthians 12:9

What does trusting look like when we are in a spiritual battle? Colossians 2:15.

What is involved in "going on the offense" when a believer is in a spiritual battle?