

Bulletproof Relationships

Philippians 1:1-11

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"In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." Eph 6:16 NKJV

I. 5 Keys to Bulletproof Relationships:

1. _____ for each other.

Phil 1:4,9-11

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

James 5:16

2. Practice _____.

Phil 1:3-5

"The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment."

Prov 10:21

3. Place your _____ in God.

Phil 1:6

"Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him."

Ps 62:5

4. Engage the power of _____.

Phil 1:7

"Even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit."

1 Cor 5:3

5. _____ one another.

Phil 1:8

"Be patient with one another, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love."

Eph 4:2 NLT

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Monday: To prepare ourselves for battle ahead, by faith we put on the belt of truth, the truth of Your word. Lord, teach us Your truth so that we may readily understand it in order to obey it. Your word teaches us that You have a purpose for us today. May we see that purpose in Your word and then use it to encourage someone, love someone or share with someone. We declare that Your word is truth.

Tuesday: Lord, by faith, we put on the breastplate of righteousness, the breastplate of right living. The breastplate fits close to our hearts to remind us that right living begins with the heart. In us dwells no good thing, but by faith we can live God-honoring lives. Today we ask that our hearts do not attach to anything impure. We will walk uprightly this day, not giving in to wayward emotions or schemes from the evil one.

Wednesday: Lord, today we put on the sandals of the gospel of peace. Send us where You will, to speak Your peace into someone's life. Only in Christ do we experience the peace that surpasses all understanding. This same gospel is the basis of our carrying it wherever we go to leave tracks of peace and stability. Use us to solve conflicts that may arise, and may we be a calming presence in every circumstance in which You place us.

Thursday: We now take the shield of faith, Lord. This body-length shield is there to protect us from the fiery darts of the evil one. We place our complete faith in You for protection and strength to stand against his ploys. We know that no temptation can penetrate this shield. As long as we keep the shield front and center, we will reap the victories You have promised. Today, by faith, we claim victory against any fiery darts headed our way. You know what they are, and You have provided us with a way of escape.

Friday: Lord, by faith we put on the helmet of salvation. We trust completely in the helmet, which is salvation. Thank You for this helmet that provides us with the assurance of our salvation. This helmet protects our minds from doubting Your presence in our lives, and it provides protection from any onslaught Satan may bring against our minds, onslaughts that may cause us to doubt Your presence and your power. We elect to take every doubting thought captive. We choose to dwell on the assurance that You are with us wherever we go.

Saturday: Lord, we take up the sword of the Spirit, which is Your word. Thank You for the precious gift of Your word. It is the one instrument that we can use to defeat our enemy. May we be so committed to Your word that we are prepared for the warfare we will face. And may we be ready to give an answer for the faith that lies within us. Daily we claim the promise of Your word that says we are free from the power of sin, because greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. By faith we take up the powerful word of God, which defends us in time of attack, comforts us in time of sorrow, and teaches us in times of meditation.