**Date : 30th September 2012**

**Theme : Biblical values of GOD’s Kingdom**

**Topic : I must be EQUIPPED for battle (Part II)**

**Key verse : Ephesians 6:11**

*Put on the whole armor of God so that you can take your stand against the*

*devil’s schemes.*

**Review: Biblical Values**

Last week: 1) What does it look like to be equipped?

2) Why must I be equipped for battle?

**Today: 3) Benefits to be equipped**

**4) How to be equipped?**

1. **Benefits to be Equipped**

Paul’s example: Paul dedicated his busy schedule

1. to preach to many but focused on recruiting disciples

* preached and won a large number of disciples *Acts 14:21*
* leaders raised at Lystra *Acts 14:22*
* Timothy recruited at Lystra *Acts 16:1*
* result: churches strengthened *Acts 16:5*

1. to equip 12 Ephesian disciples for 2 years *Acts 19:7*

* result: i) Asia minor heard the gospel *Acts 19:10*

ii) Jesus’ Name highly honoured *Acts 19:17*

1. How did Paul do it?

* Acts 14:22 — preached to large numbers at Lystra

— strengthened the disciples

— appointed leaders

* His strategy: he began with available and faithful men

Acts 16:1 — at Lystra, recruited Timothy

Acts 16:4 — travelled together

Acts 16:5 — churches strengthened and grew daily

1. **How to be Equipped?**
2. Battle of the Mind (Helmet of Salvation)
3. my mindset to be protected from carnal thinking
4. my mindset to be delivered from Satan’s schemes
5. How?

* align with GOD’s mind daily.
* mediate on GOD’s Word.

1. Battle of the Heart (Breastplate of Righteousness)
2. unrighteousness gives Satan a foothold over my life
3. a life of obedience and Christ-centeredness protects my heart from sin
4. How? Look out for

* my actions (blameless?)
* any sin (violates the words)

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| 1. Battle of the Will (Belt of Truth) 2. I keep my word; with integrity and   a clear conscience, Satan has no ground to accuse me   1. I am ready to serve; sincere, not a hypocrite 2. How?   accountability in faithful relationships, marketplace deals, etc   1. My Sword of the Spirit 2. like Solomon’s bodyguards   (they all held swords, are expert in war)  *Song of Songs 3:8*   1. I know and handle the Word well 2. How?   hear  read  Obey  study  memorise  mediate on the Word   1. My Shield of Faith 2. like soldiers with interlocking shields, I march like a solid wall, into the enemy. 3. my weapon for break-through   *eg. prayer of faith (combining faith)*   * to neutralise Satan’s fiery darts  1. How does Satan attack our faith?   How do I equip myself with going-on faith?   1. My Shoes of the Gospel 2. my message of peace 3. victory only attained in combat  * witnessing with the gospel is combat (to set prisoners free)  1. How?   Pre-Encounter; IGNITE,  my testimony, Gospel bridge   1. My Prayer Intercession 2. God answers when I stand in the gap 3. pray and be alert *Ephesians 6:18*   (detect Satan at work)   1. How?   Triplet prayer  daily 5 items  pray through Values  pray for boldness to speak | **BC Values**   * **I am caught by the Vision (to be fruitful)**   **2 Corinthians 4:7**  *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from* *us.*   * **I am committed to Cell Life**   **Acts 2:42**  They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.   * **I am a Disciple (& I make Disciples)**   **Luke 9:23**  *Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.*  **John 15:8**  *This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*   * **I am passionate about Spiritual disciplines**   **1 Timothy 4:8**  *For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.*  **Isaiah 55:8, 9**  *8“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. 9 As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*   * **I am submitted to spiritual Authority**   **1 Peter 5:5-6**  *5 Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*   * **I value life-long Relationships**   **Ruth 1:16**  But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.  **Mark 3:14**  He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach   * **I must be Equipped for battle**   **Ephesians 6:11**  *Put on the whole armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.* |