

DRESS RIGHT FOR 2022

Have you made a commitment to dress well in 2022?

No, I'm not talking about the clothes that adorn your physical body.
I'm talking about our spiritual dress!

How well dressed are we in this vital area as we begin 2022?

Ephesians 6:10-17

"Put on all of God's armor" ... Clothe yourself with strength.

We need every piece of armor.

Do not leave off a single piece.

I. THE BELT OF TRUTH.

The belt was not for adornment—it secured everything he needed.

TRUTH is the element in the Christian life that holds everything together.

II. THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

It was worn over the heart to protect against disabling wounds—

Paul said a righteous life will protect from the fiery darts of Satan.

III. THE SANDALS OF READINESS.

The sandals provided solid footing in battle.

The soldier was prepared for hand-to-hand combat.

Preparedness:

A mental alertness enabling us to serve the Lord at any moment --
is essential for an effective Christian life.

1 Peter 1:13

IV. THE SHIELD OF FAITH.

The shield was used to block the fiery arrows of the enemy.

When Satan sends his most deadly weapons toward us, we can ward them off with faith.

Even though the forces of evil triumph,

Even though everything goes wrong.

Nevertheless, I will believe in, and trust God.

Daniel 3:16-18 NIV

V. THE HELMET OF SALVATION.

God's continuing work of salvation in our lives is like a Helmet to protect us.

VI. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT.

The only offensive weapon.

Our sword is the Word of God. It is second to none.

Warren Wiersbe gives a threefold suggestion on using it.

1. Appreciate it. 2. Appropriate it. 3. Apply it.

Conclusion: John Bisagno has pointed out that "faith is the heart of life.

You go to a doctor whose name you cannot pronounce.

He gives you a prescription you cannot read.

You take it to a pharmacist you have never seen.

He gives you medicine you do not understand and you take it.

All in trusting, sincere faith."

Why not use that same faith with God this coming year?