

# Verse of the Month Devotional

May

*And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the word of God:  
Ephesians 6:17*

## *Thoughts on the verse:*

So much of Ephesians chapter 6 is written to teach us the kind of warfare we need to be engaged in every day. Though God's warfare is similar to the military branches we see in the world around us today, there are several key differences we MUST learn to establish in our lives in order to succeed. God's people are called to prayer, and standing steadfast, and fighting smart. We need to know our opponent, and it is actually NOT the people in our lives that may be bothering us or seemingly causing troubles for us. It is the devil and the fallen angels that sided with him that awful day in heaven. More than that, the real enemy is our own flesh, our own wrong thinking and our own selfish nature. Why else do we struggle so much in hearing the Voice of Truth? That's what the sword of the Spirit is for: the Word of God divides every thought, every intent and every deed. If you have your full armor on, you can stand when the world is on fire. Keep your helmet of salvation, your shield of faith, your shoes of peace, your breastplate of righteousness and your loins of truth. Who could mess with you if you walked in these ways every day? Conquer the battlefield of your mind and you win the war.

## *Prayer:*

Father we thank You that You give us so many tools and gifts to win every war. We thank You that Your battle plan is simple and can always be found in Your Word. God help us to use our sword of the Spirit to rightly divide what is true and what is not. Help us to discern the real enemy and help us to fight like You: on our knees, in faith believing, with all the equipment you have given us. Use us for Your Kingdom and Your glory, in Jesus' name.

## *Action:*

Write down the full armor of God in Ephesians 6: 10-18 and what each piece is used for. What are the areas of your life that can use some extra training and awareness? Write down the plan of attack you may have for each area. Is it your thought life? What helmet of salvation thoughts will you replace them with? Is it your attitude towards someone or something in your home or job or community? What breastplate of righteousness behavior will protect you from offenses and hurt and cause you to better serve others? How sharp is your sword? How can you incorporate more of the Word of God in your life? List your battle plan for the month and get to work to win the war.

## *Notes:*