

Deeper Life Notes

Faith Comes By Hearing: "Weapons for Spiritual War" (1 Thessalonians 5:8-28)
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So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. - [Romans 10:17 ESV](#)

Warm up: "Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." - 1 Peter 5:8 CSB

*How have you been equipped to fight against an enemy that is often unseen/unrecognized?

[EFCA Statement of Faith](#)

8. Christian Living: We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. **With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil.** In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

Read: [1 Thessalonians 5:8-28](#)

Context: → *Conversion & Calling (1 Thess 1:9-10)*
→ *Comfort & Courage (1 Thess 2:12)*
→ *Curiosity & Commitment (1 Thess 3:5-6)*

THREE ARSENALS OF SPIRITUAL WEAPONS:

1. WEAPONS FOR _____¹ (1 THESS 5:8-11)

- a) "The armor of faith and love" (v.8b) -- see Eph 6:14, "breastplate of righteousness"
- b) "A helmet of the hope of salvation" (v.8c)
- c) Build up the wall! (v.11)

¹ DEFENSE

2. WEAPONS FOR _____² (1 THESS 5:12-22)

- a) Spiritual Laborers & Leaders (v.12)
- b) "Be at peace among yourselves" (v.13)
- c) Meeting *needs*, not *wants* (v.14)
- d) Exchanging good for evil (vv.15, 22)
- e) Constant joy, prayer, & thanksgiving (vv.16-18)
- f) Embracing God's Word *and* Spirit (vv.17-21)

**Which of these weapons for offense/defense can be more of a part of your spiritual arsenal?*

3. WEAPONS FOR _____³ (1 THESS 5:23-28)

Morale = "the confidence, enthusiasm, and discipline of a person or group at a particular time."⁴

- a) "The God of peace himself" (vv.23-24)
- b) "Pray for us also" (v.25) – *Christian workers throughout history and the world*
- c) "All the brothers and sisters" (v.26)
- d) "This letter" (v.27)
- e) "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ" (v.28)

² OFFENSE

³ MORALE

⁴ <https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/morale>