

Equipping, Arming and Engaging
Lesson Two
Ephesians 4: 1-7; 17-32
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Introduction

- Ephesians is addressed to a group of believers who are rich beyond measure in Christ, but are living beneath their calling and privileges because they were ignorant of their wealth.
 - They were also being destroyed by the wiles of the enemy by their lack of knowledge
 - *Hosea 4: 6, II Corinthians 2: 11*
- Satan has attempted to destroy the organic unity of belief and behavior of the believer
 - Saying we believe in God; but living like He doesn't exist
- We must align our beliefs and behaviors at all times!
- Hardship often separates our beliefs from our behaviors
- We must be prepared to face hardships; understanding that God gives us victory through them all...even when He doesn't come through in the way we want or expect
 - *Psalm 34: 19*
- I Peter 5: 6-11
 - We have a real adversary; who has real power, and shows up where we least expect
 - We are to resist him by being steadfast in the faith!
- God is making us more than conquerors and overcomers...to do this, we will have to go through situations with enemies to be conquered and overcome
 - To do this He has to equip us, arm us, and prepare it for engaging the enemy
 - Psalm 144: 1
 - St. Matthew 11: 12
 - The Kingdom of God is parallel to military life; we are soldiers in God's army!
 - Not our will; the will of God!
 - God is trying to get us out of the defensive posture of just barely making it and trying to get us on the offensive!
 - Joel 2: 1-11
- Equip: furnish with what is necessary for performance

Point of Application 1

Ephesians 4: 17-24

Being serious about becoming the new man!

Point of Application 2

Ephesians 4: 25-32

Living life through the leading of the Spirit!

- *Romans 8: 12-14*

Point of Application 3

Ephesians 4: 1-3

Striving for peace with those in the family of God!

- ***Galatians 6: 10***
 - ***There is an oil of unity coming for those in the army of God to be at peace with each other...disunity weakens us and we need to be strengthened for the battle***
 - ***Everything we need is in the family of God***
 - ***Ephesians 4: 16***
 - ***Relationships are intended to take us to destiny; this is why the enemy attempts to bring disunity between members of the family of God***

Point of Application 4

Ephesians 4: 7

Mastering our weaponry!

- ***II Corinthians 10: 4-6***
- ***Romans 12: 3-8***
- ***I Corinthians 12: 1-11***