



Deciding to Have Power Over Your Real Enemy

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Big Question: Who is your real enemy? (Who are you really wrestling with?)

- Is it your spouse, family, friends, job, or neighbor?

Answer: **No**, your enemies are principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness, and spiritual hosts that sometimes influence the world around you.

- **Ephesians 6:10–13 (NKJV):** 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.** 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- Ephesians 6:14–20 (NKJV): Stand therefore, having girded your waist with **truth**, having put on the breastplate of **righteousness**, 15 and having shod your feet with the **preparation** of the gospel of peace;
- 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

I. Who Are We Fighting?

(A spiritual enemy)

1. We are wrestling an **invisible enemy**
2. We are wrestling an **organized enemy**

II. How Are We Fighting?

(By Making New Decisions)

Round 1: Four Things You Need to Start the Fight

1. Decide to wear the **entire armor** (Are you totally committed?)

Note: God joins a unified army. Matthew 18:20: Where two or three are gathered together...

2. Decide to be transparent or **truthful** (Are you committed to being honest?)
3. Decide to **do what is right** (This is the breastplate of righteousness?)
4. Decide to be **prepared** (Are you ready to go to the next place in your life?)



Round 2 Decisions: Have Faith and Think Clearly

1. Decide to Have Faith
2. Decide to Think Clearly

Round 3: Protect Yourself and Pray

1. Decide to Protect Yourself; Carry a weapon
2. Decide to Pray

Round 4: Persevere and Ask

1. Decide to Persevere
2. Decide to Ask

Next Week:

Statement: If you are going to win the fight you must decide you want to build a new future. Next week, I will show you one man who made the bold decision to change his life.