**Kingdom Disciples Series October 31, 2021**

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“Be strong in the Lord”

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“Put on the full armor of God”

* Helmet of salvation
	+ You must be a **Christian**
* Breastplate of righteousness
	+ Integrity in **life and in character**
* Belt of truth
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	+ Daily commitment to **belief**
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“Schemes of the devil”

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Satan is a **defeated foe**

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How do I wage war against the devil’s schemes?

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	+ James 4:7
* Reject all **negative thoughts**
	+ 2 Corinthians 10:3–5
* Engage your mind with **praise & worship**
	+ 2 Samuel 16:12-23
* Devote yourself to **daily prayer**
	+ Ephesians 6:18
* Use God’s Word to **defeat temptations**
	+ See Matthew 4:1-11
* Use God’s escape hatch to **flee from temptations**
	+ 1 Corinthians 10:13
* You must **be a Christian**
	+ John 11:25–26
* **Repent** of all known sins
	+ Acts 3:19

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