

BATTLE READY
Preparing For Spiritual Warfare
Deception ▪ Evil ▪ Anxiety ▪ Fear ▪ Confusion ▪ Temptation

BATTLING CONFUSION
(Helmet of Salvation)
Ephesians 6:17a

Ephesians 6:17a *And take the helmet of salvation.*
"Put on salvation as a helmet." (NLT)

SLIDE: SOLDIER WITH ARMOR OF GOD (Helmet of Salvation)

1 Corinthians 1:24,30 (NLT) *To those called by God to salvation...Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God (protection)...God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made Him to be wisdom itself.*

< WHY IS THERE SO MUCH CONFUSION IN THE WORLD? >

Romans 1:21-22 *Although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him. Their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise they became fools.*

◆ _____ **God results in CONFUSION and CORRUPTION!**

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NLT) *The message of the cross (salvation) is foolishness to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.*

< HOW WILL GOD'S WISDOM BENEFIT US? >
Proverbs 3:16-18

◆ _____ : **How to take care of our physical body (v16a).**
"Long life is her right hand."

◆ _____ : **How to take care of our finances (v16b).**
"In her left hand are riches"

◆ _____ : **How to build our character (v16c).**
"In her left hand...honor"

◆ _____ : **How to build our personal relationships (v17).**
"Her ways are pleasant ways and all her paths are peace."

◆ _____ : **How to find eternal life in heaven (v18a).**
"She is a tree of life to those who embrace her."

◆ _____ : **How to find satisfaction in this life (v18b).**
"Those who lay hold of her will be blessed."

< HOW DO WE GET GOD'S WISDOM? >
Proverbs 2:1-5

1. Open Our MOUTH: Be ready to _____ it (v3).
"call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding"

2. Open Our EYES: Be ready to _____ it (v4).
"look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure"

3. Open Our EARS/HEART: Be ready to _____ it (v2).
"turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding"

4. Open Our MIND: Be ready to _____ it (v1).
"accept my words and store up my commands within you"

5. Open Our LIFE: Be ready to _____ it (v5).
"understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God"

1 Corinthians 2:16 (NLT)
We understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

In which area of my life do I need God's wisdom most?

Health Finances Work Relationships Spiritual

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