



# SUIT UP

PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD



Week : October 31, 2021 "Suit Up with the Spirit"

Read Together: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

## Take It In

Watch today's Video:

## Talk It Over

1. Is the Bible important to you? Why or why not?
2. In Ephesians 6:17, it says to take the "sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. What is a sword used for? What is the word of God used for? Where can you find the word of God? How should you use it?
3. How do you feel about the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do? How do you think the Holy Spirit is involved with the word of God?

## Going Deeper

4. Read 2 Timothy 3:12. What does a godly life look like to you? Another word for godly is pious. What does a pious life look like to you? Are they the same?
5. In order to live a godly life, Paul says there will be persecution. What are some ways that you can be persecuted?
6. Read 2 Timothy 3:13. What do you think of Paul's statement that the godly will be persecuted and that evil people will go on from bad to worse. What do you think he means by this?
7. Read 2 Timothy 3:14. How important is it to have parents and grandparents in a child's life? What are some of the practices or behaviors that are passed on to children? How important are parents and grandparents to passing on faith in Jesus Christ to a child?
8. Read 2 Timothy 3:15. What are the sacred writings that Timothy was acquainted with since childhood? What do you think it means to be wise? How are wisdom and faith related to each other?
9. Read 2 Timothy 3:16. What do you think Paul means when he says that all Scripture is "God-breathed?" What does Scripture teach? How does it reprove? How does it correct? How does it train? Can you give any examples of each?
10. Read 2 Timothy 3:17. Are you prepared to order how you live and what you believe based on what the Scriptures teach? Why or why not? How difficult is it to follow the Bible?

# Leader's Guide

1. The Bible is the written revelation of God, working to restore a rebellious humanity through the saving work of Jesus Christ. It is a library of books spanning thousands of years, written by many authors from different contexts and circumstances; and organized into two sections, the Old and New Testaments.
2. A sword is an offensive weapon of combat used by warriors engaged in battle. The sword of Paul's time was called a Gladius and was a short sword used by a Roman legionnaire for close quarters combat. The word of God is actually three-fold: 1. the person of Jesus Christ, 2. preaching the good news of Jesus Christ, 3. the Bible. You can be assured you have found the Word of God by measuring what preachers proclaim about Jesus with what the Bible says about Jesus.
3. All of the authors of the Bible are inspired by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Word of God as recorded in the Bible. The Holy Spirit used both the witness of Scripture and a preacher to create faith in the hearts of sinners when they hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
4. A godly/pious life flows spontaneously from faith in Jesus Christ, being conformed into his image.
5. We can be persecuted outwardly by the world and inwardly by our sinful natures.
6. Like an addiction, sinful behavior grows and gets worse when it is actively pursued.
7. Timothy was raised in a Christian household and taught the faith by his grandmother Lois, his mother Eunice (2 Tim. 1:5) and Paul himself (3:10-11).
8. Timothy's sacred writings were the Old Testament, which reveals Christ. In the Old Testament, wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord, and Paul uses it as a synonym for faith in his letters.
9. All of Scripture is inspired by God and all of it is the Word of God. It teaches forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ. It calls us to repentance for our sins. It corrects our sinful behavior that we may live like Christ. It trains us to live by faith everyday, constantly turning back to the Word of God and renewing faith in Jesus Christ, relying on God's guidance through the Word to conform our lives to his intentions for all of us. We live in hope of the resurrection as new persons forgiven in Christ our entire life long.
10. Because of our sinful nature, following the Bible can be difficult on account of lack of discipline, false teaching, and doubt concerning God's Word.