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Ephesians 6:10-11

**Empowered to Stand
Against the Devil**

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Be Empowered in the Lord

Ephesians 6:10 (NASB)

Finally, be **strong** in the Lord and in the **strength** of His **might**.

- “Be strong” is in the imperative and is passive “be strengthened in the Lord”
- “Strength” is *kratos* which is used 12 times in the NT: “might”; “dominion”; “power”
- The “Lord” is Christ and He promises to be our strength and power in the intense battle for the faith of the gospel (Phil 1:27)

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Paul’s Prayer for the Church

Ephesians 1:18-19 (LEB)

(the eyes of your hearts having been enlightened), **so that you may know** what is the hope of his calling, what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance among the saints, and what is the surpassing **greatness** of his **power** toward us who believe, according to the **working** of his **mighty strength**

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Prepare to Stand

Ephesians 6:11a (NASB)

Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to **stand firm**...

- “Armor” is *panoplia* (the source of our ‘panoply’); here: a full suit of armor
- The purpose of the armor is to “stand”
- “Put on” is used in Eph. 4:24 for putting on the “new self”
- “stand” is *histe mi* which Paul uses for standing in faith (like 2 Cor. 1:24)

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Satan’s Schemes

Ephesians 6:11b (NASB)

...against the **schemes** of the devil

- “Schemes” is *methodia* and here means “tactics” or “wiles” or “craftiness”
- The “devil” is *diabolos* which means “slanderer” or “false accuser”
- Revelation 12:9-10 shows his role as the accuser of the brethren

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Implications and Applications

- Empowerment is through faith in God through the gospel, nourishment from the word of God, and belief in the promises of God
- God is all powerful and promises to give believers the ability to stand firm
- The devil’s strategy is to deceive us through “the lie”

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Empowered Through the Gospel

Romans 1:16 (NASB)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for **it is the power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NASB)

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but **to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

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Stand in the Gospel

Romans 5:2 (NASB)

through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into **this grace in which we stand**; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 15:1 (NASB)

Now I make known to you, brethren, **the gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received, **in which also you stand,**

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Satan's Scheme Is "The Lie"

John 8:44 (LEB)

You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father! That one was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand firm in the truth, because truth is not in him. Whenever **he speaks the lie,** he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies.

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