

Ephesians 6:10 NKJV

Message: It is imperative and urgent for every Christian believer to be

strong in the LORD!

I BE STRONG IN THE LORD BECAUSE WE LIVE IN AN <u>UNGODLY WORLD</u>

I John 2:16,17 NKJV

- For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.
- 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

I John 5:19 NIV

We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

II BE STRONG IN THE LORD BECAUSE WE HAVE A SUPERNATURAL ENEMY

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- Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
- Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [b]the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
- 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.
- Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
- and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
- And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;
- praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

III BE STRONG IN THE LORD BECAUSE WE NEED HIS POWER TO <u>DO THE LORD'S WORK</u>

Zechariah 4:6 NKJV

6 ... 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, Says the Lord of hosts.

Acts 1:8 NKJV

8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

BE STRONG IN THE LORD! IV BE STRONG IN THE LORD BECAUSE WE ARE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS

- 2 Timothy 3:1-5 NKJV
- 1 But know this, that in the last days [a]perilous times will come:
- 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,
- 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
- 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Romans 13:11,12 NKJV

- 11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.
- 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

CONCLUSION

- Let us continually be STRONG in the LORD!
- Let us continually SURRENDER to the LORD!
- Let us continually SEEK the LORD!
- Let us continually SATURATE ourselves with godly spiritual things!
- Let us continually STAND firm against evil!