

Why every Christian should be equipped

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Introduction: A Christian is a disciple who has obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ. To be equipped is to be furnished adequately as a citizen of the kingdom. God equips us for service; to be able to worship aright, fellowship with Him and other saints, and pursue the work of the church which centers on glorification, edification of the saints, benevolence unto all and evangelism of sinners. We are equipped with the Spirit (Acts 2:38, Eph 1:12-14, Gal 5:22) and gifts or talents such as knowledge, liberality, love, etc. –Rm 12:4-8. Every Christian should be equipped **with knowledge of the word**, and of a society which s/he seek to convert unto Christ, of the religions and traditions of men, of the devices of the enemy, etc. This is today's primary focus. We need *apologetics* (defense of our faith using reason, scriptures and evidence from nature/science) to clear inner doubts, confidently share our faith, intellectually engage with skeptic objections, refute false doctrine, and provide the rational basis for the Christian worldview, fostering a faith rooted in facts rather than mere feelings. Paul and his companions, just like Christ presented the gospel and its defense always (as in Athens -Acts 17). He encourages us to do same.

2 Timothy 3:15 *And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

Acts 25:30 *And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, 31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.*

Hebrews 6:1 *Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this will we do, if God permit.*

Ephesians 4:14 *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

Colossians 2:8 *Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. ...16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. 18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels,*

*intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 **And not holding the Head**, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.*

1 Peter 3:15 *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and **be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:** 16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.*

Philippians 1:17 *But the other of love, knowing that **I am set for the defence of the gospel.***

2 Corinthians 10:3 *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 **Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;** Let us face individual and collective challenges with faith so as to overcome.*

Ephesians 6:10 *Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.** 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, **and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:** 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

Jude 1:3 *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye **should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.** 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Conclusion: Get equipped and use your equipment for Christ's service! The Bible itself is the primary and most essential resource for us to learn the will of God, and is the lens through which other materials must be viewed. Electronic Bibles and resources could be valuable, such as: www.biblehub.com

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