

What War?

In the major wars in US history, the whole nation made sacrifices for the War effort. Items were rationed so the troops could have the necessities to fight. Women went to work in factories so that men could go into the Military and the manufacturing of equipment could continue. Those Americans were quite aware of the reality of conflict going on in the world.

Today many Americans are unaware of what is going on in the world. It may be that Israel has been under attack by the Hamas in Gaza. It may be that Americans are embattled in some part of the world yet, Americans are unaware unless they have loved ones involved. Someone once said, "The military is at war and Americans are at the mall."

The battle of evil vs. good is in full swing. The book of Revelation describes this conflict as it spreads through the world. Are we aware of it or are we "at the mall?" There are so many distractions that we miss what is actually happening. We fight against principles, powers, and the unseen. **Ephesians 6:12** (ESV) bears this out:

¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

We are fighting against principles of evil such as Marxism; dishonesty in our elections and deceptions in regard to our health. It's not just a physical battle, but a spiritual one.

To fight this spiritual battle we need spiritual weapons. In this same passage, Paul lists them for us:

- The belt of truth
- The breastplate of righteousness,
- Shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace
- The shield of faith
- The helmet of salvation
- The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God
- Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication; with all perseverance,

Are you in? Or, will you go to the mall?

Keep The Light Burning!

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