

2—Truthful to the Core

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INTRO:

I. → **Ephesians 6:13-17**

*Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the **belt of truth buckled around your waist**, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,*

→ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

II. **WORDS ARE IMPORTANT—MESSENGER SPELL-CHECK**

A. Can you pick up a couple trays of cookies

Can you pick up a couple of transvestites

B. There are baked potatoes with all the fixins

There are naked pastors with all the fixins

III. “Therefore stand, girding your loins about with truth”

IV. **THE WEIGHT LIFTER’S BELT**

BODY:

I. **Basic Honesty**

A. The belt is the most fundamental piece of our armor.

1) The belt is the first piece of the armor we put on and the last peice we take off

2) **2 Corinthians 13:5-8**

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves . . . For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.

3) **TAKING THE MILK MONEY BACK**

B. The first person we need to be honest with is ourselves.

1) **1 John 1:8-9**

*If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the **truth** is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

2) LIAR LIAR—BEING PULLED OVER

II. Fundamental Integrity

A. Truth is the thing that holds the rest of the armor together.

1) **Psalms 18:39**

*For thou hast **girded** me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me. (KJV)*

2) HAVING THE SAME INJURY AS BEAST MODE

B. Without integrity we have lost the battle before it begins.

1) **Luke 16:11-12**

So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

2) REFUSING TO USE THE MONEY IMPROPERLY

III. Truthful Speech

A. We need the full armor of God if we are going to make it.

1) **2 Corinthians 6:6-7**

*In purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; **in truthful speech** and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left.*

2) KIDS COMING BACK FROM CAMP

B. When truth is tempered with love it really does set us free.

1) **Ephesians 4:15**

*Instead, **speaking the truth in love**, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.*

2) **DOCTOR TELLING YOU THE TRUTH**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

John 8:31-32

"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 17:16-17

They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Isaiah 11:4-5

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

5 Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
last we take off

2 Corinthians 4:2-3

Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

Luke 12:35-36

"Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord." (KJV)