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EPH 6:17

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

- Is the only piece of armor that Paul _____ what it is
- Is the only piece of armor that is a _____
 - Swords were used _____
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- Is the only piece of armor that Paul says to _____ when going into battle
- Is a descriptive _____ to describe the word of God

THE WORD OF GOD

- The word Paul uses here is _____
- It refers to the _____ or utterance of God
- We can _____ the word of God in many ways
- While God speaks to us in many ways, His primary way is through the _____

THE BIBLE

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"And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book." REV 22:18
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"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us

what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right." 2 TIM 3:16

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"We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy." 1 JN 1:1-4

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In Matthew 4, Jesus is led by the Spirit in the wilderness where He is tempted by the devil. Each time, Jesus defends Himself against the temptation by wielding the sword, by quoting and obeying the word of God:

MATT 4:4, 7, 10 = "The Scriptures say..."

MATT 4:11 = "Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus."

PAUL'S ADMONITION

"... take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." EPH 6:17

"Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves." JAS 1:22

- We have to _____ the Bible regularly
- We have to _____ how to interpret the Bible correctly
- We have to use the Bible _____ in our lives