

Under Armor - The Big Three

(Ephesians 6:10-16 NLT) *“Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.** For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against might powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, **put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.** Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.”*

1. The _____

(Ephesians 6:17a NLT) *“Put on salvation as your helmet...”*

✓ **What’s Under the Armor:** _____

▶ _____ **determines** _____

(Romans 12:2 NLT) *“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”*

(Romans 8:6 NLT) *“So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.”*

▶ **CRITICAL QUESTION:** **What are you _____ to _____ the way you _____?**

2. The _____

(Ephesians 6:17b NLT) *“...and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”*

✓ **What’s Under the Armor:** _____ **and** _____

▶ _____ **affirm** _____

(Ezekiel 33:4 NLT) *“Then if those who hear the alarm refuse to take action, it is their own fault if they die.”*

(James 2:22 NLT) *“You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete.”*

(1 John 3:19 NLT) *“Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God.”*

▶ **CRITICAL QUESTION:** **Do your _____ prove your _____ to God’s Spirit?**

3. The _____

(Ephesians 6:18 NLT) *Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.”*

✓ **What’s Under the Armor:** _____

▶ _____ **Cancels** _____

(Romans 8:9 NLT) *“But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)”*

(Colossians 4:2 NLT) *“Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.”*

(Galatians 5:25 NLT) *“Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.”*

▶ **CRITICAL QUESTION:** **How much of your _____ are due to a _____ of _____?**

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1. The HELMET

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✓ What’s Under the Armor: MIND

▶ DECISION determines DIRECTION

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▶ **CRITICAL QUESTION:** What are you DOING to CHANGE the way you THINK?

2. The WRISTBAND

(Ephesians 6:17b NLT) *“...and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”*

✓ What’s Under the Armor: ARMS and HANDS

▶ ACTIONS affirm ASSIMILATION

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▶ **CRITICAL QUESTION:** Do your ACTIONS prove your CONNECTION to God’s Spirit?

3. The EARPIECE

(Ephesians 6:18 NLT) *Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.”*

✓ What’s Under the Armor: EARS

▶ COMMUNICATION cancels CONFUSION

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▶ **CRITICAL QUESTION:** How much of your TROUBLES are due to a LACK of PRAYER?