

MY GIFT TO YOU

The Secrets of God's Protection

Congratulations on reading *The Armor of Light*. As you know, each chapter ended with one of the secrets of God's protection. As my thank you gift to you, I am listing all the secrets in one place, as well as tips on stirring up your spirit and a quick summary of the armor of God.

SECRET #1:

Having defeated Satan decisively and eternally, Jesus gave you who believe the authority to command evil spirits to depart from you and your family in His matchless name!

SECRET #2:

To walk in divine protection, you must make a covenant with God through faith in Jesus Christ, through which you receive forgiveness of sins, right standing with God, peace, protection, and eternal reward. You enter the covenant when you personally invite Jesus to be your Savior and Lord.

SECRET #3:

God refathered your spirit when you said Yes to Jesus, but you must allow the brilliant light of His Word to enter your soul, renew your mind, and scatter the worldly darkness. As you plant the new thoughts of God's Word in your heart, your beliefs and behavior change. You acquire the mind of

Christ and radiate His love by living and walking in the light of your new identity.

SECRET #4:

A spiritual environment surrounds you. Between God's heaven and earth lies a second heaven, where angels and demons contend for the souls of men. For this reason, natural solutions can't fix problems rooted in the spiritual realm. But in Christ, the kingdom of heaven—the third heaven—gives you authority and power over everything that fights against you in the second heaven.

SECRET #5:

Powerful angels camp around you. They protect, help, and deliver you in ways you don't always see. God's angels guard you day and night, and you release them to do their jobs when you confess Jesus as Lord, pray, and speak faith-filled words.

SECRET #6:

The devil is a fallen angel and not in the God class. Unlike God, he is in one place at a time, lost power when he was thrown out of God's presence, and doesn't know God's plans. The Lord and His angels protect you and fight for you in the second heaven.

SECRET #7:

God's kingdom comes and His will is done only when man prays. To receive divine intervention, you must exercise your free will and ask for God's amazing help in Jesus' name.

SECRET #8:

Once you have prayed, you must stand strong in faith and patience, trusting God's revealed Word and His faithful loving-kindness to bring His Word to pass.

SECRET #9:

When you *plead* the blood of Christ in intercession, God sends the Holy Spirit to lead the one for whom you pray to repentance and faith in Christ, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and the power to go and sin no more. When you *apply* the Passover blood, you create a

"bloodline" of protection around those you love.

SECRET #10:

Allow yourself to be guided out of harm's way by the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Stay in tune by abiding in the secret place with the Lord, watching, praying, listening, and obeying.

SECRET #11:

Wisdom is a key to divine safety, but foolishness opens you to trouble and sorrow. Make wisdom your friend and associate with wise people, and you will become wise.

SECRET #12:

Pray and praise on your way to the battle, knowing the Lord goes in front of you, prepares the way before you, and fights the battle for you.

SECRET #13:

When you make time to dwell in the secret place of the Most High, you abide under the shadow of the Almighty. As He did for David and Israel, God covers you and your family with the shield of His presence.

SECRET #14:

Remember, access to the secret place of the Most High is not for those whose works are perfect, but for you who have been made righteous by faith in Jesus' blood. As you abide under the shadow of the Lord's wings, His fortress of protection shelters you.

SECRET #15:

Learn to control your tongue. A tongue that encourages and builds up people, that speaks life, love, grace, forgiveness, and comfort will be blessed.

SECRET #16:

Do not forsake going to church, for it provides a spiritual covering against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. Submit to the spiritual authority over you and refrain from causing division, a sin that weakens the body of Christ.

SECRET #17:

Recognize when you are under attack and downshift into warfare mode. Don't isolate yourself but spend more time with God and His people. Keep your eyes on Jesus and

your spirit burning with His Word and Holy Spirit.

SECRET #18:

Submit to God and resist the devil in every way he comes against you. Don't simply endure evil but resist it until it flees from you in terror! Don't blame God for the works of the thief. God is not your problem, but your ally and Savior in times of trouble.

SECRET #19:

Put on the full "armor of light." As you receive the revelation of each piece, you are protected from the lies, deceptions, discouragement, and flaming arrows of the enemy. Be encouraged! You are an overcomer because the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the Champion, lives in you.

How to Light Your Lamp

Chapter 17, “A Balanced View of Spiritual Warfare,” quotes a wise person who said, “It’s better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.” (p. 132-133) The Bible says in Proverbs 20:27, “The spirit of a man is the lamp [candle] of the Lord.” The best way to fight the darkness is to fan the flame of your spirit, which is filled with God’s Spirit. If the light of a single candle can drive darkness out of a room, how much more will the spirit of a Christian filled with the Spirit and glory of God send spiritual darkness scurrying away! The big question is, how can you light your lamp so you are inwardly shining?

- 1. Turn your back on the devil and put your eyes on the Lord.** You are risen with Christ in salvation, and you are to set our affection on things above. The devil is not worthy of your meditation or concern.
- 2. Get your eyes off yourself** and do something constructive, even if it’s cleaning the house, mowing the lawn, washing the car, or doing your chores. A lady once told me that doing laundry “saved” her. It gave her something constructive to do that took her mind off her problems long enough for her to regain her perspective and hope.
- 3. Worship.** Thank God for all your blessings. Thanksgiving leads into praise, and praise leads you into worship. Play Christian music and worship with it. Sing and praise the Lord, no matter what you sound like. Get out of the house and go to an alive worship service. Sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:19)
- 4. Read the Word of God until your mind changes.** Read the Psalms until you feel better and your hope has been restored (or any other portion of the Bible). Meditate in the Word of God long enough to get interested in what you are reading. Use a good study Bible with understandable notes that help you with the application of what you are reading. Search for the answers to your questions. Be consistent day after day. Your interest in Bible study increases every day you do it.
- 5. Don’t isolate yourself but attend church.** You need to worship in the assembly of those who love the Lord. The gates of hell cannot prevail against Christ’s church. You may walk in the door one way, but you will walk out in a much better frame of mind, with your spirit energized. (If the church you are going to now doesn’t do that for you, try some others.)

What to Do When Attacked

Turn: Turn your heart to the light of Christ.

Belt: Wrap the truth of God's Word around your life.

Breastplate: Believe the free gift of righteousness by faith.

Shoes: Yield to God's will (walk) for your life.

Shield: Replace doubt with faith in God's promises.

Helmet: Confidently expect salvation (temporal and eternal).

Sword: Declare God's Word aloud.

Lance: Pierce the darkness with every kind of prayer.

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