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<u>Ephesians 6:14 (KJV) ¹⁴ Stand</u> therefore, having your loins girt about with truth...

(NKJV) ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth...

(NIV) ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist...

(NLT2) ¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth...

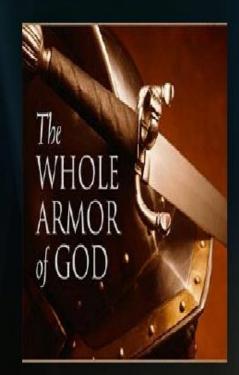
(TPT) Eph <u>6:13-14a</u> **Because of this, you must** wear all the armor that God provides so you're protected as you confront the slanderer, for you are destined for all things and will rise victorious. Put on truth as a belt to strengthen you to stand in triumph...

I. <u>TIGHTEN UP WITH TRUTH</u>

The Belt of Truth

"Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth..."(Ephesians 6:14)

In Paul's day, soldiers wore a tunic that had holes for the head and arms, which hung low and loose. When they were about to fight, they would take the four corners of the tunic so that they were able to freely move and so the enemy could not grab hold of the tunic and pull them down. To slacken the belt was to go 'off duty'. Essential part of armor



I. <u>TIGHTEN UP WITH TRUTH</u>

If the belt is tight, one can fight the good fight. If unbuckled, one is completely unprepared.

The ancient General taught...

MacLaren's Expositions

Absolute sincerity and transparent truthfulness may well be regarded as the girdle which encloses and keeps secure every other Christian grace and virtue.

II. NO HYPOCRISY





God either loves the WHOLE WORLD or HE doesn't.

SINCE HE *DOES*, YOU AND I NEED TO ALSO!

III. YOUR ZIP CODE

98365, 98368, 98315, 98383, 98370, 98382, 98362, 98363, 98325, 98339, 98364, etc.

DO you love your neighbors in your zip code?

Jesus has called us to be

MINISTERS OF RECONCILIATION.

AMBASSADORS FOR JESUS



