Series: A New You (Ephesians) Sermon: Strength For A Successful Life Bible Verses: Ephesians 6:10-13 By: Jeff Piepho Date: 10-18-15 Question: What if I'm failing? Or worse yet, what if I'm failing when I think I'm ? How can I be truly ______in the right way, in the right things, in life? How should I live? The struggle to do good **is NOT** a flesh & blood ______, it's ______! That word for **STRUGGLE** is the word the military used for **WRESTLE or** ______! There are TWO PROBLEMS: 1) We often live as though we are ______ instead of Satan. 2) We use our own instead of God's . We need ______, not our own practices and deeds! might make us think we're winning, but if it's ______ it's one of Satan's schemes. Becoming "good people" working in us looks like winning but it's still a of God, and one of Satan's schemes.

I win when in the Spiritual war and defeat Satan, sin, and death.

I must ______ every single day, to allow him to put a right heart and mind into me. I must put on (and learn) the ______ of God.

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- Many people talk about Satan too much, and give him too much credit. Why can this be a dangerous topic, and why do some people get so obsessed about this topic to the point of being weird? **How do we avoid that?**
- The opposite error is to not think about or believe in Satan much at all. Why do you think most people prefer to never talk about him, or pretend like he isn't real? How do we avoid that?
- What do you think is an appropriate amount of focus and thinking about Satan's work?