

Connect

Do you think it is important to study subjects in school unrelated to your desired future profession?

Verses - Ephesians 6:17b (CSB)

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Study

- **Review -** In Ephesians 6:11-17a, Paul writes about how Christians should prepare to resist and oppose the schemes of the devil and other evil spiritual forces. They should put on and take up certain things—truth, righteousness, readiness for the gospel of peace, faith, and salvation—each of which Paul identifies with a particular piece of armor or weapon—belt, breastplate, sandals, shield, and helmet—which soldiers use in battle.

- **Today's Text -** In v.17*b*, Paul continues the preceding thoughts, adding that Christians should take "the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God."

  - Here, the sword is not equal to the Spirit. The sword is the word of God which the Spirit gives. (Compare Hebrews 4:12 and John 14:26.)

❖ **DISCUSSION**

In Today's text:

1. What is "the Word of God?" (Hebrews 1:1-2, Acts 6:7)
2. How is the Word of God given by the Spirit? (2 Timothy 3:16; John 4:24)
3. How can the Word of God be *taken and used* against the schemes of the devil?

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth." John 17:17 (CSB)

Share

What can we do to improve our ability to use the Word of God effectively against the schemes of the devil? Share from experience or any new ideas you have.

"It is written: Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4 (CSB)

Grow

Based on today's lesson, share and/or in prayer:

- ❖ What might you be able to confess?
- ❖ What can you praise God about who He is?
- ❖ What can you thank Him for?

Take prayer requests and pray for each other.