

# OUR SPIRITUAL ARMOR: THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

*Ephesians 6:17*



## What is the Sword of the Spirit?

“Sword” = “machaira”

A Christian’s “sword” is the Bible *(1 Jn. 2:14)*

## What Makes the Sword of the Spirit so Powerful?

It is powerful because it was forged by God the Spirit *(2 Tim. 3:16)*

- It’s authored by the Spirit of Truth, so its words will always be true *(Jn. 14:16-17)*
- It’s authored by the eternal Spirit, so its words will always be alive *(Mt. 24:35; Heb. 4:12)*
- Because of its power, it can do damage to Satan *(2 Cor. 10:3-5)*

It is powerful because it is divinely effective *(Isa. 55:11)*

It is powerful because it defends against Satan’s specific attacks

It is powerful because it destroys Satan’s strongholds in us *(2 Cor. 10:4-5; Heb. 4:12)*

## Handling the Sword with Skill *(2 Tim. 2:15)*

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### Applying the Bible to Life

- The Bible claims to be a fully adequate weapon to use as we fend off Satan’s attacks and temptations. Do you believe that? Do your actions show that you really believe that?
- Jesus used specific verses from Scripture as He battled Satan (Mt. 4:4). How can you increase your “stockpile” of sin-fighting Bible passages? What can you do to have them available the moment you need them?