



# Time To Ready Up

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Sin is destructive and deadly. In fact, God said that *sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it* (Genesis 4.7). Unfortunately, we will never be rid of sin in this life, for it is a daily battle. Know that the battle is tough, but as we pursue the Lord Jesus, we are also pursuing godliness.

What does your battle with sin look like? Are you battling well, or have you fallen flat on your face? The Apostle Paul also struggled with sin. He wrote these words in Romans 7.15: *For I do not understand what I am doing, because I do not practice what I want to do, but I do what I hate* (Romans 7.15).

Notice that Paul did not excuse the sin in his life. Rather, he condemned it as something to be hated. He was frustrated by sin and he told us that all Christ-followers are to *discard the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light* (Romans 13.12). Friend, do not let the *desires of the flesh* control you and *don't make plans to gratify* those desires. Rather, make the decision to *put on the Lord Jesus Christ* and do not allow sin to take a foothold in your life.

## **For Reflection...**

-In what areas of life do you struggle with sin? Pray and confess your sin to God and ask him to help you resist sin (1 John 1.9).

-What can you do to be alert and ready for when temptation comes?

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