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Attached are some tools I use when I present. Congratulations of being chosen by God to be a "steward" of the Armor of God coin!!

Here are the general steps I follow when making an "Armor of God" coin presentation: (can be varied in order depending on circumstances) The Holy Spirit always draws the people and prepares their hearts. Our job is to have "no self", "no intentions, no expectations", just show up and let the H.S. lead in act and word thru you. It is easier than it sounds....trust me.

1. Issue Bio sheet- and request them to fill it out. This is private info between them, me, and God. What is Bio info: when saved, short history of them, what are their addictive habits, and whatever else may come to mind. Prayer request- is very important, because it is their way of writing the most important issue in their life down, it symbolizes laying that request at the foot of the cross. They are giving it to a complete stranger, and that stranger (you or me) promises to pray for them. Don't move into describing the coin or history until you get this paper back. It prevents distractions, and now they will focus on the words that the H.S. will give you.
2. Review the history of the coin- the study of 3 preachers, the study of Ray Stedman "Spiritual Warfare" and the links provided, the H.S. inspired project and how the coin was designed and produced, and that they will be receiving a one of a kind "armor of God" coin. The coin is not for sale, not for profit, it is a gift from the Holy Spirit. This coin is given by grace to the receiver.
3. Read out loud Eph 6-10-20: depending on the audience and their spiritual state, this can be very powerful all by itself. You are "presenting" the gospel of Christ!
4. Go over each piece of armor- I break them down into 2 sets. John 14:20 "I in you, you in Me". It means Christ in the Christian first when you believe in J.C. as your personal savior. This is the first 3 pieces of the armor of God. Having girded your waist with the belt of truth, Having put on the breastplate of righteousness, having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Truth, Righteousness, Peace- Talk about them for a while, give examples of what it means to you. **Truth**- roman soldiers girded their waist by pulling up their tunic and cinching their belt, it was a sign of readiness for battle- Jesus is our truth. **Righteousness**- it is a breastplate that you put on, it is tight on your chest, it represents our right standing before God. It is Jesus in us, the only way we have righteousness and the only way God can look at us. **Peace**- soldiers had to put on a tough pair of shoes or leather sandals for battle. If not, their feet would not have good footing, would be cut and bruised, and would not last. Jesus is our Peace, our sure footing and foundation for battle. **Truth, Righteousness, Peace**

Emphasize that as Christians they already have these 3 pieces, they just have to be claimed. (Non Christians- it is a powerful way to draw the prepared heart to the point of salvation, but the armor does not help a non-believer defend)

The 2nd 3 pieces are "taking the shield of faith, which is able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one". "Taking the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God" These pieces "Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation, Sword of the Spirit" are obtained by the Christian in Christ. They are taken by "faith" which is taking the "I believe He is my truth, my righteousness, my peace". So if I believe these things, then this also must be true, it is taking belief and concluding that the following must also be true" Talk about each piece, the **Shield of Faith** (like a large door covered with leather, and wetted down, able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one), stand behind it, face the battle, it will defend you against attack. The **Helmet of Salvation**, not your current salvation, but a future hope for the eternal salvation and resurrection at the end of this world. The helmet protects your vitals, your arteries on your neck, your mind, your thoughts, your eyes. The **Sword of the Spirit**, this is the word of God. The Bible reveals

Christ, and Christ defines the bible. So when you have your armor on, and an issue, or a comment, or a struggle, or an attack may come- and the H.S. will give you exactly what you need from the Word of God. It might be a revelation, a scripture or a verse that is needed. The Sword is both defensive and offensive- can penetrate any defense, and go right to the heart of man and pierce him and prepare hearts, tear down strongholds, destroy arguments.

It is important to stress order of the pieces, that they are in divine and precise order- that they are the foundation for what comes next-

5. Pray and Persevere- First you put on the "whole armor of God" then you "pray". Describe what prayer is, tell them how you do it, it is just "conversation with God". Prayer is the most powerful thing any of us can do. It is supernatural, if we just have the faith of a tiny mustard seed, the Lord says our prayers can move mountains. Don't go to prayer first, this is what most Christians do....and they are frustrated, and usually not very effective in their pleas. But if you have put the full armor of God, you are protected, your heart, and mind, are ready to speak to God and make requests, and it is powerful, purposeful, and effective. I like to tell them, that as Christians, there are certain things they can pray for and God will answer "immediately". Most of them don't know this.....I point out that if we ask for wisdom, discernment, strength, grace, endurance, perseverance to name a few, that God answers "immediately".

6. Stand- 4 times in the passage Paul says, stand or withstand. Depending on the scenario, I will discuss how a battle is won if you are defending a "castle". You don't win by advancing out away from the walls, or retreating into the center or escaping out the back. You win by "Standing" and holding your ground. You win, by the enemy giving up, getting frustrated, and withdrawing. Our battle, your battle, their battle, is the Lord's. He is the God of history, has already defeated the evil one and the host of evil forces. Our challenge, is to Put on the Whole armor of God, Pray and persevere, and Stand!! Some times if they are sitting, it is powerful for you to describe the battle, putting on the armor, praying, and then actually Stand, or have them stand. The H.S. will lead you on all these areas, as you prepare to present.

I also issue a warning- this is no bed of roses, it is a real challenge and must be thought thru, must be practiced, must be put on daily. I begin putting the armor on right at my first waking thoughts. Because, when the devil learns of a Christian who is able to defend against the wicked forces, the spiritual rulers of this world, he will attack. The struggles will come, but fear not, God is with you, the victory is sure, the outcome is certain. James says, "resist the devil, and he will flee from you".

So there you have it.....a very brief review of what I've been studying for the past 3 years, and still just beginning to understand the awesome power of the Armor of God. Good luck to you as you prepare for your upcoming presentations.

"Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might".