

HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

STUDY GUIDE

Ephesians 6:10-14, Proverbs 4:23

Observation questions

1. What does Paul compare righteousness to in the armor of God?
Why was this piece of armor important to a Roman soldier?
2. What does the breastplate protect?
3. Where does true righteousness come from?
4. What does Proverbs 4:23 teach about the heart?

Interpretation questions

1. What does it mean to "guard your heart" rather than simply "follow your heart"?
2. Why can't good works make us righteous before God?
3. What does it mean that believers don't need armor to be saved, but because they are saved?
4. How does understanding Christ's righteousness bring freedom instead of pressure?

ARMOR OF GOD - BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

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Application questions

1. What voices, influences, or sources are shaping your view of truth right now? Are they leading you closer to God's Word or further from it?
2. In what area of your life are you most tempted to lower God's standard in order to justify your preferences or feelings?
3. Are you planted in a godly community that is willing to lovingly challenge and encourage you? If not, what step can you take toward deeper biblical community?
4. What practical steps can you take this week to better guard your heart?
5. What is one area where God is calling you to move from simply consuming spiritual content to actively serving and being fruitful?
6. Which of the three action steps—Stay Rooted, Stay Planted, or Stay Fruitful—do you need to focus on most right now, and why?