



Introduction

More guidance for living.



Questions

1. What advice does Paul give to children and fathers?
2. What advice does Paul give to servants?
3. Paul likens the armour of a soldier to aspects of the Christian life. What does he say the sword represents?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 4** Advice for parents and children
- **v 5 to 9** Advice for servants and masters
- **v 10 to 20** Paul uses the example of a soldier to illustrate how we should resist various influences (see theme) that would take us away from God and his message:
 - a belt of truth
 - a breastplate of righteousness
 - feet fitted with the Good News
 - the shield of faith
 - a helmet of salvation
 - the sword of the spirit - God's word
- **v 21 to 24** Paul is sending Tychicus to the Ephesians to give them his news

Timeline 60 AD (see below)



Theme

Making a stand

A selection of verses showing that sometimes it is necessary to make a stand where God's principles are threatened.

The midwives in Egypt made a stand against the king of Egypt who told them to kill the baby boys:

Exodus 1 verse 17

Daniel's three friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship the image that king Nebuchadnezzar had set up despite severe consequences:

Daniel 3 verses 16 to 18

Peter and John made a stand against the Jewish authorities who told them to stop preaching:

Acts 4 verses 18 to 20

The apostle Paul tells the Romans to resist being conformed to this world:

Romans 12 verse 2

The apostle James echoes the same sentiment:

James 1 verse 27, 4 verse 4



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 1 and 2 and v 4, Q 2: v 5, Q 3: v 17

Bible timeline

