

The Attackers: Taking Up & Putting On the Panoply: Study & Retention of Bible Doctrine; Purpose: “to be able”: *Dúnamis*: Ability: Power, Resources, Intelligence, Knowledge, Skill, & Competence; Capacity: to Produce, Perform, & Deploy; “to resist”: *Anthístemi*: the Strategy & Tactics of the Devil, Eph 6:13

12. The direct object is the word that describes the six items that dress the believer’s soul: **πανοπλία (panoplia)**: the heavy equipment of the active duty foot soldier. We have studied this enough to just use the English derivation of “panoply”: “a full suit of armor.”
13. The act of taking up one’s spiritual panoply refers to the consistent, daily study of the Word of God so that these items are readily available in the soul for “picking up and putting on.”
14. Next we have the introduction of a purpose clause, the conjunction **ἵνα (hina)**, translated “in order that,” followed by the aorist passive subjunctive of the verb **δύναμαι (dúnamai)**: “to be able; to be capable of.”
15. The translation for this context is “you might have the ability,” or “you might have the capacity.” Each of these words’ definitions adds substance to the point being made by Paul:

Able: having sufficient power or resources to accomplish an objective; intelligence, knowledge, skill, or competence.

- (1) The purpose of putting on spiritual armor is so you will have the ability or the capacity to confront demonic attacks in the area of momentum testing.
- (2) The means to achieve this is through the six key words found in the definition of “able”:
 - a. **Power**: the filling of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. **Resources**: the canon of Scripture and the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit
 - c. **Intelligence**: spiritual IQ: the filling of the Holy Spirit plus human IQ equals spiritual IQ.
 - d. **Knowledge**: An inventory of doctrinal ideas interconnected by constellations of wheel-tracks.
 - e. **Skill**: The three spiritual skills: the filling of the Holy Spirit plus GAP plus the ten problem-solving devices equals protocol plan of God.
 - f. **Competence**: Having the capacity to function.
- (3) The second word by which *dúnamai* is defined is:

Capacity: An individual’s mental or physical ability; the facility or power to produce, perform, or deploy.

- (4) This word brings out the combination of human free will plus the power of the Holy Spirit resulting in application under pressure to the circumstances imposed by the Dark Side:
 - g. **Produce**: to bring out by intellectual effort. Under pressure the believer must reference his inventory and produce pertinent doctrines for the situation.
 - h. **Perform**: to carry out an action or pattern of behavior: wisdom advises the believer’s free will of what to do and how to do it in accordance with the protocol plan of God.

- i. **Deploy:** to place in battle formations: deployment of the ten problem-solving devices on the FLOT Line of the soul which is application of doctrine to circumstances.¹
16. Defining the words “able” and “capable” provides linguistic impact to the definition of *dúnamai*. The purpose of putting on the spiritual panoply is so that you will have the ability and capacity to withstand demonic influence.
 17. If any of you submit to demonic influence, then you will be locked into an implacable mind-set that will neutralize you in the Angelic Conflict and destroy your spiritual lives.
 18. Without divine power, you would have no ability or capacity to deploy problem-solving devices and, as a result, you will become a casualty in the conflict.
 19. Those whose desire and intent is to serve the Lord are submissive to His mandates. Consequently, they advance toward the sophisticated spiritual life while attiring themselves in combat panoply:

Ephesians 6:13a - Because of the Angelic Conflict, pick up and put on the full armor of God, for the purpose that you might have the ability [power, intelligence, knowledge, skill, and competence] and the capacity [production, performance, and deployment] ...

20. Next in the passage comes the prepositional phrase “to resist”: the aorist active infinitive of the verb **ἀνθίστημι** (*anthístēmi*): “to set oneself against; to oppose, withstand, resist.”
21. The concept is to “hold your six feet of ground,” which describes the ability and the capacity to confront the “strategy and tactics of the devil,” the word *methodía* in Ephesians 6:11.
22. These include the “philosophy and empty deception” of Colossians 2:8, “doctrines of demons” and “hypocrisy of liars” in 1 Timothy 4:1, “smooth and flattering speech” of the false teachers in Romans 16:17-18, “deceitful workers” of 2 Corinthians 11:13, “cleverly devised tails” of 2 Peter 1:16, “mockers” of 2 Peter 3:3, and “serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world,” in Revelation 12:9.
23. These assaults on the believer’s soul are presently in the form of repackaged Marxist, socialist, and collectivist theory.

¹ Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed., s.vv.: “able,” “capacity.”