

Acting – Or For Real?

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God“, Ephesians 6:11–17.

At home, we have a photograph of our daughter ‘dressed’ in the armour of God. Because of her age at the time, she was obviously acting.

Yet so many christians will claim they have the ‘whole armour of God on’, yet when asked where to find the Scripture, have absolutely no idea where to look in their Bibles.

Consider the following scenario. You go shopping at least once a week. To get to the shops, you walk to the bus stop, and wait for the bus to come down the road. When the bus arrives, you get on. The man on the bus demand you pay him, and he gives you a piece of paper back.

Arriving at the shops, you do your shopping, and the return to the bus stop. When the bus arrives, you get on, and demands more money before he will take you home.

Fed up with these demands for money every time you get on the bus, the thought comes, ‘I’ll buy a little car, and then I will not have to pay each time I go to the shops’!

After a time, you get a bill for your insurance. You get another bill for road tax. You have to keep going to the garage to fill the car with petrol. Then the bills come for its servicing, and new tyres.

You and the little car part company, and you go back to using the bus, and give the man money when he makes his demand.

The above is a bit like life. There you are, going through life, but the ups and downs of daily living get a bit aggravating after a time.

Then you discover that there is an easier way ‘Christianity’.

You listen to a friend who tells you all about Jesus, and how He can take the worry out of your life.

They help you by telling you more about Jesus. They show you various stories from the Bible. It's all so exciting, no more worries. Plenty of time to do all that you want.

When somebody asks you about the daily reading, it is often a case of "I do not always have time".

Suddenly, there is an all day working bee at the Church. Then, out of the blue, there is a visiting speaker – every night next week. And 'Yes' we will expect you to be there on Sunday.

It now becomes, 'It was all right at the beginning, but now it is becoming time consuming, and I do not have time for myself'.

Friend, you have been acting. You have not been for real. You are not wearing a helmet. You're wearing a soft hat. You are not wearing a breastplate. You've only got a girdle around your waist. That plastic knife you have in your hand, 'Is that your sword?'

A man named Jesus died that you might have His assistance as you go through life. If I ask 'What do you know about Him?', the most likely reply will be 'It's in the bible somewhere'.

Suddenly, it is not YOUR Bible.

Stop acting. Get real.
LIFE IS SHORT – ETERNITY IS FOREVER.