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DON'T STOOP, STAND!

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There's an old adage that says one must stoop to conquer. That is a concept that should be applied to one being willingly humble to achieve a higher plateau. However, as we daily engage in spiritual warfare we must stand and not stoop.

Another definition of stoop is to debase oneself morally, act in an undignified, unworthy or dishonorable way. The body of Christ is called to the higher standard of living a holy life. When we allow the enticements of our flesh to cause us to stoop, we dishonor our calling in Christ.



Ephesians 6:13 is a powerful scripture teaching us to stand and not stoop. It says, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God that ye may able to withstand in the evil day; and having done all to stand." The armor of God carries weight wherein it is awkward and difficult to stoop. If it is worn correctly it fits best when one stands. We are to reproduce truth, project righteousness, and carry the gospel of Christ, operate in faith, diffuse fiery darts of the wicked, maintain a working knowledge of salvation, operate in the Spirit by using the word of God, and pray always. There isn't any space for stooping to corruption with that type of armor.

When David went to fight Goliath they wanted to put the military armor on him and he wasn't used to wearing it. It was very heavy for him and he felt uncomfortable. The armor of the Lord is given to us by God and we were fitted to wear it when we got saved. It is designed to keep us standing and not stooping.

Are you stooping to the sins that so easily beset you? Perhaps you need to ask the Lord to do a refitting of your armor. When used daily I guarantee you will stand and not stoop as much as you used to. It's a war and we are destined to be victors through Jesus Christ. The more you Stand up for Jesus the Less you will Stoop to Sin.

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