QUESTION: In 2 Corinthians 6:7, the Bible does mention about weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left hand. Which are they?

> *2 Corinthians 6:7 NIV*
> *[7] in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; “*

According to the scripture above, there are weapons (spiritual) for the right and left hands. Apart from these,there are also other weapons which are fastened onto the feet,the chest area and the head),even though not part of what we are going to learn in our today’s study of the Bible. Today,our study of the Word focuses on those weapons that are for the hands,as we have read in above scripture.

ANSWER:

For us to find the answer to our question above,let us read the Book of Ephesians. The Bible says ;

> *Ephesians 6:13-17 NIV*
> *[13] “Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. [14] Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, [15] and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. [16] In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. [17] Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. “*

If you carefully make a picture of the kind of soldier portrayed in the scripture above,you can see that he holds a SWORD in one hand and in the other, a SHIELD. The two, that is, ” the Sword and the Shield “, are the weapons for the right and the left hands.

Talking of the Shield,the Bible refers to our Faith.As a weapon, faith is fastened on the hand,and therefore must not be ‘dropped down’.By faith,we are empowered to extinguish all the fiery darts of the evil one. Also,through faith,we can do the impossible, according to Hebrews chapter 11.

In verse 17 of the book of Ephesians chapter 6,the Bible mentions the Sword,referring to the Word of God.When we fill our minds with God’s Word,and let it dwell richly in us,we are able to stand against the enemy and his armies.They cannot overpower us.We will dash them to pieces,because we are filled with and therefore know God’s word.

Hebrews 4:12-13(NIV);

> *[12] “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*
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> *[13] Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. “*

Faith and the Word of God are closely tied together.They are both fastened on the hands. One on the right hand and the other on the left hand.One is dependent upon the other. We read this in;

Romans 10:17 (NIV);

> *[17] “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. “*

Do you have these weapons with you? Remember, you cannot claim to have them unless you have fully become a soldier in the world of the spirit. The weapons are meant for battle. If you aren’t facing any battle (spiritual warfare),then you are not yet a soldier. If you still live as the people of the world do,you do not need any weapon,because there’s nothing you are protecting against the Enemy. You are still under his authority and dominion.What would you need a sword or a shield for?

When you are born again and become a true believer in Christ,living righteously, and having forsaken your former evil ways,you become a soldier.You make the most sought-after and a greatly feared person by the enemy.You become an enemy of the devil.This means you have be alert always lest you be caught off-guard by the enemy,and,thus suffer ruin.

May the Lord help us to be true and bold soldiers of Christ, having put on the weapons of righteousness to enable remain grounded in faith,fighting for our salvation to the end.

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