

Key Scripture

Matthew 16:18 NKJV

<u>I will build My church</u> and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Dressed For Road Construction

Matthew 11:7-11 NKJV

7 As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John:
"What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

8 But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments?
Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

10 For this is he of whom it is written: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,

Who will prepare Your way before You.'

11 "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but *he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he*.

Danger of Wearing "Soft Clothes"

- **✓ Body:** Addictive behaviors, sexual sin, lustful actions.
- ✓ **Mind:** Confusion, doubt, fear.
- ✓ **Spirit:** Crushed, broken, condemnation.

Personal Protective Equipment

Ephesians 6:11-12 NLT

11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

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Kingdom Builders

Work Clothes

Get Your Work Clothes On...

1. Tool Belt: Belt of Truth

John 14:6 NKJV

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, <u>the truth</u>, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

2. Protective Clothing: **Breastplate** of Righteousness

2 Corinthians 5:21 NLT

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that **we could be made right with God through Christ**.

3. Work Boots: The Good News

Romans 10:15 NLT

And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring Good News!"

4. Safety Glasses: Shield of Faith

John 14:12 NIV

I tell you the truth, *anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing.*He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

5. Power Tools: Sword of the Spirit

Hebrews 4:12 NKJV

For the <u>word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword</u>, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

6. Clear Communication: Pray in the Spirit

Ephesians 6:18 NLT

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion.

Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

7. Hard Hat: Helmet of Salvation

Romans 13:14 Message

Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute.

Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!

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