



## **SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL PREPPING**

Considering the season of chaos that is almost here, if you are a believer in Jesus, then you must prepare yourself to transition into more of a focus on spiritual life and less of a focus on physical life. There are people who are referred to as “preppers” who are putting away commodities in store for future shortages and emergencies. Noah also put away provisions before the great flood but he only did as the Lord led him to, and not because he trusted in the provisions, but because he feared the Lord. Christian preppers are in danger of getting into the flesh by motivation from the wrong fear, and not according to how the Lord is leading them. Many are not even prayerfully consulting the Lord. How can they hear if they don’t listen? So what is the consequence of too much physical prepping and not enough spiritual prepping? Obviously, the consequence is not having enough faith to endure to the end.

For example, what if a Christian sets aside a year’s supply of food and adds onto his house to have more room to store other things, yet ignored the Lord trying to lead him to prepare to be more mobile? Then what if a city-wide evacuation order from the government at 6:00am took place and the people are forced to flee town with only five minutes of warning? The Christian prepper would have to leave behind his stored supplies. Now does he have enough faith to go without? For two weeks or more?

Conversely, what if there was a pastor who totally ignored any physical preparation or storage of provisions and instead said that he was going to trust the Lord, when the Lord was trying to lead him to use the \$650,000 in his bank account to buy provisions for the church to have on hand in order to help people during a future emergency? Would the pastor have enough faith to carry on if a nation-wide financial emergency late on Friday afternoon resulted in the banks being closed Monday for the next two weeks? How is the Lord leading you? Are you at peace or is there fear, oh person of God?

“Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.” James 5:3  
(As in treasure in a bank account, for yourself, instead of using it for the kingdom before the currency collapsed, and so your bank account has lost 90% of its value, and gone is the opportunity to use it for good.)

“Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, **O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?**” Matthew 16:8-9

“**For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.**” Matthew 16:25

“But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.” Hebrews 11:6-7

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