

Being Prepared

Everyday we hear of things that happen to someone we know or were acquainted with in the past. Some have become ill with such things as cancer, heart attacks, or involved in some kind of accident. Our attitude toward such things is usually one that excludes us, because this only happens to someone else. Many years ago, the Boy Scouts of America adopted this motto “Be Prepared”. This organization’s goal is to teach boys different life skills in an effort to prepare each one of them for their future.

We need to adopt the “Be Prepared” way of thinking. Each of the examples given can mean the loss of life and it can happen to you or me at any given time or day. None of these things are givens because we know people go through life without having fatal accidents or developing cancer or having fatal heart attacks or being involved in accidents. As we get older in life, some of us do things in an effort to prevent these things from happening – eating as healthy as possible, buying health insurance, exercising or trying not to walk in front of a moving bus.

What about our spiritual welfare? How are you and I trying to prepare for that? This we know for sure “And as it is appointed unto men once to die...” (Hebrews 9:27), our preparation must be geared toward being prepared for that day when we are called to give an accounting of our life.

We should awake each morning and make each day one where our actions reflect the things that are in accordance to God’s will. To do His will, we must know what is expected of us. This means study. We must first hear and believe the words Peter preached in his sermon at Pentecost (Acts 2:38). Becoming a Christian is our first step toward preparing ourselves spiritually. After this we have to live according to God’s law and work to maintain our status as a faithful follower of Christ. Our lives must be that of total dedication to doing God’s will. God tells us to “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).

Man may break promises all his life when dealing with other people. But this we know for sure, God does not break His promises to us and we can be assured of being prepared if we are faithful unto Death.

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