

## BE DRESSED IN READINESS -2<sup>nd</sup> Addition -September 19,2022

### Waiting, Watching, ready and alert toward the Master

**LK 12:35** “Be dressed in readiness and ready for active service, and keep your lamps continuously burning. **36** Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that when he comes and knocks they may immediately open *the door* for him. **37** Blessed (happy, prosperous, to be admired) are those servants whom the master finds awake *and* watching when he arrives. I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, he will prepare himself *to serve*, and will have them recline *at the table*, and will come and wait on them. **38** Whether he comes in the second watch (before midnight), or even in the third (after midnight), and finds them so [prepared and ready], blessed are those *servants*.

**39** “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time the thief was Coming, he [would have been awake and alert, and] would not have allowed his house to be broken into. **40** You too, be *continually* ready; because the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect

### Love overcoming and cold heart, faith that overcomes the world and hope that endures beyond the persecution and hardships of life

**Mt 24:9** “Then they will hand you over to [endure] tribulation, and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. **10** At that time many will be offended *and* repelled [by their association with Me] *and* will fall away [from the One whom they should trust] and will betray one another [handing over believers to their persecutors] and will hate one another. **11** Many false prophets will appear and mislead many. **12** Because lawlessness is increased, the love of most people will grow cold. **13** But the one who endures *and* bears up [under suffering] to the end will be saved. **14** This good news of the kingdom [the gospel] will be preached throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end [of the age] will come.

### The Goal

Our desire is to see the households of Radiant Church “be dressed in readiness” watching and prepared for the Lord and equipped to face difficult times that may be ahead for America. The most critical readiness occurs in our hearts before the Lord of heaven and earth. No amount of natural preparations will make up for a heart that becomes cold with hate, revenge, bitterness, prejudice, judgement and unforgiveness. The greatest preparation is to dive deep into our God and receive fresh doses of faith, hope and love by the His Spirit indwelling us all in the midst of lawlessness, persecution and disorder. The church of Jesus Christ must be aligned with heaven and not this world mold or shape our attitudes and actions.

Yet, there are preparations in the “natural” that need to occur. To ignore the signs and symptoms, taking no action would be irresponsible and will create fear and confusion in the midst of disaster should it suddenly strike. In an extreme case in which electrical power, water and natural gas supply were cut off in a wide scale area, what simple

preparations could help you be “dressed in readiness” and peace of mind. The goal is to prepare ahead for the survival of your family (Joseph's storehouse) and be positioned to demonstrate generosity as a Lighthouse to your neighbors. If we are prepared we can respond rather than react & operate in compassion rather than fear.

So here we GO!

**WATER- What's your drinking water source should public services be compromised or unavailable, or your well cannot operate due to power outages?**

Water collection, filtration and storage will be necessary. (1 gal day/pp)

Rivers, streams, ponds, lakes near your home

5 gal Food grade plastic pails -\$7.98 Menards (have a minimum 4 onhand )

-55 gal Food Grade Plastic Drum- (reduce trips gathering/collecting)\$82 ea

-Filtration VF-100 from Business Connect - \$24.99 ea

-Water spigot kit for bucket -\$5.99 ea

Rain barrel-\$90 (or outdoor plastic trash can- holds up over winter)

Acquire a hand pump for an outside well <26' depth currently electrically operated.

Drive a small new well with hand pump

**HEAT -How can you keep warm if power or utilities are interrupted?**

Wood heat- Fireplace, wood stove-- (Currently still legal)

Kerosene Heaters

Tarps for tenting over beds (body heat can heat small spaces)

Firestarters, lighters, Propane torches for igniting wet wood

Mylar blankets retain body heat Amazon \$20/20 pk

**FOOD- Do you have a good supply of canned goods, Dried foods?  
3 mos, 6 mos, 1 yr supply. Start somewhere!**

\*Proteins- canned meats, beans essential. Energy/fuel for the tank

\*Large Bags of rice/ beans (keep a long time)

\*CAN OPENER -Manual -Make it two!

**COOKING- Do you have a heat source(s) to cook with? Redundancy good.**

Fireplace grate over fire /Hanging pots over fire

Convert your gas stove to propane (adaptors required)

Camp stoves/ small out door portable propane grills- \$70- \$100

**Communications-backup power- How will you charge cell phones, radio, etc without power?**

Small solar panel for charging a car battery for radio or other devices.

4 Patriots Pocket sized solar charging station. \$25 ea. Charges up to 6x before needs recharging

Backup generator- gasoline or natural gas or LP. (Gasoline runs out pretty quickly)

**Communication Plan – Do you have communication plan as a family or church for a designated place to meet should you be separated in an emergency?**

Emergency routines- Every family member has to know how to turn off home's gas, water & electricity. (Essential if you have to bug out)( Indiana.gov" Do- it- yourself functional and Special needs Disaster planning guidelines.)

**Bugout bag -batteries, battery op radio, few days emergency food, first aid, sleeping bag**

**Tips/ Skills**

\***Gardening**- Learn how to grow a garden.

\***Canning**- Learn how to can meats, veges, sauces etc. There are those in our body that can teach! (Fern Miller, Gina Pozsgai and others. )

\***Bartering**- what can I trade if normal money is of no value? Things, food, services/skills etc. Coffee, sugar, wet wipes, TP, small batteries-"ARE GOLD". Have small baggies, sandwich bags for smaller transactions.

\***Phone Numbers/Address Directory**-Hard Copy of phone #'s and addresses (how many #'s do you actually remember anymore?)

\***Supplements**-Extra key prescriptions, vitamins, supplements etc. Stay physically healthy, keep your immune system strong!

\* **Propane tanks**- have 2 or more hand (ability to fill small tank/bottles also)

\* **Self defense**- Wasp spray better than MACE, deploys up to 20' and more volume. Of course traditional means also. You may have been to one of our Shoot outs! This particular way of engagement is up to each family. We do have people available to teach hand to hand etc.

\* **Build Relationships/Network**- Get intentional "Now" about connection. If I cannot grow vegetables, trade with someone that can. Same with Egg producers, fruits, veges, meats etc. People that fix things are truly key resources. Find a possible rural safe location should there be immense civil unrest within cities.

**Other items to consider:**

- Copies of personal identification and important documents-passport etc.
- Prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses
- Heavy-duty garbage bags
- Rain Poncho for each family member
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Battery operated radio
- Several flashlights/plenty of batteries
- Matches & lighters
- Compass
- Duct tape
- Superglue
- Maps
- Good fixed blade knife/& Swiss Army knife
- Rope 20'+ of good quality
- First aid kit
- Mylar blankets
- Stainless steel water container-carry personal water & use to boil water
- Basic tools-hammer, screw drivers, multiple heads, adjustable wrench
- Oil lamps- with supply of Oil
- Candles
- Wet wipes
- Cash stored at home-smaller denominations
- Whistle, signal flares and small mirror
- Work gloves
- Hand operated can opener

\*Get informed, Make a Plan, Assemble Supplies, Maintain your supplies(pantry) & Plan

\*Have a communication plan: include family members, work, school, church along with meeting location.

\*Know how to turn off water, gas and electric switches and valves.

\*Have some cash and coins on hand especially if power is out of larger area

\*Have extra supply of meds, prescriptions

\*Have an extra cell phone battery ( if applicable) or means to charge