

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR DEATH?

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(John 3:16) (Proverbs 11:4)

Preparing to die is not a scary thing. It is a **WISE** thing. Ecclesiastes 7:4 says, "*A wise person thinks about death, but a fool thinks only about having a good time.*" Death is something we cannot escape.

However, it is something we can **PREPARE** for. I'm not talking about buying a plot and a head stone, even though that is part of the preparation. I am focusing on the most important part we need to prepare for, the **AFTERLIFE**.

Whether you realize it or not you are preparing to die but this teaching is to **FOCUS** your preparation in the **RIGHT DIRECTION**. Death is only a scary thing when you are **NOT** prepared for it. When you are prepared to die your

perspective about death changes. When you are prepared to die you **DO NOT SEE** death as a finale, you see it as a **TRANSITION**. When you are prepared to die you do not fear death, you accept it.

**PREPARATION MAKES IT EASY TO ACCEPT
THE THINGS YOU CANNOT CHANGE.**

IS IT SIMPLE TO GET INTO HEAVEN?

(John 3:16)

John 3:16 is probably the most popular scripture in the Bible. Most people believe that it is simple to get into Heaven. However, the Bible teaches us something different.

John 3:16 says, "*God loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that whoever **BELIEVES** in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.*" Matthew 7:14 says, "**STRAIT** is the

gate and **NARROW** is the way, which lead unto life and **FEW** there be that find it." Gaining entrance into Heaven is not as easy as you may think.

In John 3:16 the scripture tells us that you must **BELIEVE IN JESUS** in order to receive everlasting life. Believing is **NOT** a confession, it's a **BEHAVIOR**. You cannot believe in someone **WITHOUT TRUSTING THEM**.

In John 3:16 God is not telling us to make a confession. He is not telling us to only acknowledge Jesus. He is telling us to **TRUST JESUS!** Putting your confidence in King Jesus will qualify you to go to Heaven.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT LEARNED HOW TO TRUST
JESUS IN EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE YOU
CANNOT GO TO HEAVEN.**

(The road to Heaven is narrow and very few find it because people have not learned to TRUST Jesus.)

YOU ONLY NEED TO DO ONE THING

(Proverbs 11:4)

The Bible declares there is one thing that will save you from death. **RIGHTEOUS LIVING!** Being righteous is simply doing the right thing **CONSISTENTLY**. The barometer for doing what is right will always be predicated on the Word of God. The Word of God is the standard for righteousness, not your intellect.

The Bible tells us not to lean on our own understanding in Proverbs 3:5. **IF YOU DO WHAT YOU BELIEVE IS RIGHT INSTEAD OF WHAT GOD SAID WAS RIGHT** you will follow the road that will lead you toward being separated from God. Proverbs 14:12 says, "*Some people think they are doing right, but in the end it leads to death.*"

LIVING A RIGHTEOUS LIFE IS DOING EVERYTHING THAT GOD SAYS IS RIGHT!!

Anything that goes against God's Word is wrong.
Everything that agrees with God's Word is right. God is
the **STANDARD** for righteousness. Not the media.

When you are living a righteous life you are
EFFECTIVELY planning for death. By living righteously,
you have chosen to behave in a way that brings glory to
God. By living righteously, you have chosen to speak in a
manner that highlights the character of God. Everyday
you wake up you are **PREPARING** to go to heaven or hell.

IN ORDER TO LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY YOU
MUST HAVE WISDOM!

PREPPING TO BE RIGHTEOUS

Since being righteous is doing everything God said, you must attain wisdom so you can **KNOW** what God said. You cannot do what you do not know. You cannot follow what is right if you are unable to recognize what is right. Hosea 4:6 says, "*people perish for a lack of knowledge.*"

People perish because they do what **SEEMS** right rather than what **IS** right. The wiser you become, the easier it will be for you to recognize righteousness! Choosing to be righteous is one thing but being equipped to be righteous is another.

There are many people who have good intentions, yet misguided. Having good intentions **DOES NOT** prevent you from falling into a ditch. Having good intentions **DOES NOT** prevent you from following the wrong leader. Having good intentions **DOES NOT** prevent you from disobeying God. Attaining wisdom will help you understand the difference between right and wrong.

PROVERBS 4:7

(Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.)

Wanting to live a righteous life will **NOT** equip you to live a righteous life. **YOU MUST PREPARE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS BY APPLYING THE WISDOM OF GOD.**

Wisdom is the ability to make Godly decisions. When you **LEARN HOW TO CHOOSE** what is right according to the Bible you will be able to prepare for death effectively. People who are living a righteous life do not fear death. They embrace it!

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