

PREPARE FOR THE WORST

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

You should prepare for the worst and expect the best. People who expect the best walk in **FAITH**. People who prepare for the worst walk with **WISDOM**. Preparing for the worst is **NOT** thinking negative.

It is understanding that everything around you can change except for God and His Word. Nothing is meant to stay the same. The economy will fluctuate. People will evolve. Opportunities will end.

The culture will shift. The government will revolutionize its ways. Nothing is meant to stay the same. Wise people understand this. Most importantly, they prepare for the inevitable. People who prepare for the worst will never go without.

- When you prepare for the worst you will have the **BEST**.

- When you prepare for the worst you will **NEVER WORRY**.
- When you prepare for the worst you will never be **CAUGHT OFF GUARD**.
- When you prepare for the worst the devil cannot **BLINDSIDE** you.
- When you prepare for the worst "**CHANGE**" will not scare you.

GOD MADE A PROMISE

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God told us that everything has a season. He promised that everything will eventually change. As much as you may want things to remain the same it will not happen. The events of life are **NOT** unpredictable.

In actuality, they are very predictable. The two elements you can plan and prepare around are "**TIME**" and "**CHANGE**". God gave us twenty four hours and seven days to prepare for the worst. Use them wisely.

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR THE WORST?

If you want to prepare for the worst start thinking ahead. Start looking at what **COULD** happen instead of what is happening. Think about the potential hardships rather than the opportunities. Think about the struggle rather than the victory.

Think about the potential losses rather than the successes. In order to prepare for the worst you must think from the **BOTTOM UP**. The people who survived trying times prepared for the worst.

When the great depression happened in the 1920's the people who spent their money toward purchasing assets

PRIOR to the depression did not starve during the depression. They prepared for the worst.

When the housing market crashed in 2008 no one expected it.

Mortgage companies closed down. People lost their homes. Unfortunately, these people did not prepare for the worst. When technology made the industrial industry obsolete between 1990 and 2000 no one expected this.

Technology crept its way into our society. People who saw the vision, prepared for the worst. They knew how difficult it would be to attain a job as technology took over the workforce.

They saw the days of working at the factory ending. These people started learning the computer and developing critical thinking skills. When these people prepared for the worst they started receiving the best.

THE BENEFITS

When the technology industry replaced the industrial industry many people became unemployed. However, the people who planned and prepared for the change **BENEFITTED** greatly. Their market value went up. Their opportunities expanded.

They were able to establish better options for themselves because they planned for the worse. Remember Joseph? He was second in command over Egypt. He prepared for the worse.

When God was going to bring famine to the land of Egypt for seven years Joseph stored huge quantities of grain so they wouldn't starve during the drought. The Egyptians were able to feast in a time of famine because they prepared for the worse.

When you prepare for the worst you will **NEVER** lack.
When other people are stressed you will be **CALM**. When

the economy collapses your bank account will be
STABLE.

When people are looking for food your refrigerator will be
FILLED. When people cannot find a job, opportunities
will **CHASE** you down. People who prepare for the worst
will **BENEFIT** in difficult times.

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