

(Discussion Starters for Wednesday Sep 23, 2015) Scriptures Related To Preparedness

Genesis 6:21 (NIV)

"You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

God has just tasked Noah with building an arc big enough to fit two of every animal. Not only does Noah need to get the supplies to build the arc and then build it, he also has to get enough food for all of the animals and for his family. This was a huge task in and of itself. Noah couldn't run to Costco,(Name of your supermarket) and buy a few bags of rice and some canned beans. He and his family had to grow, hunt, harvest and store all of this food. Surely an all-powerful God could have just filled the arc with manna once it was built, but he specifically told Noah to plan ahead.

Proverbs 6:6 –11 (NLT)

"6:6 Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! 6:7 Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work, 6:8 they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter. 6:9 But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep? When will you wake up? 6:10 A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—6:11 then poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber."

This is one of those verses that is so cryptic, its meaning is lost on most of us. This verse says to watch the ants (that do nothing but prepare for the future) and learn from their ways and become wise; that we should prepare like the ants do, without being told, because it is in our best interest.

Proverbs 21:20

"The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down."

Another verse that sums things up nicely.

1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)

"If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

There are five basic human needs. It doesn't matter what the situation is, they have to be met and according to 1 Timothy 5:8 it is my responsibility to meet them.

Notice that there are no exclusions. It doesn't say that you can be excused in times of famine, if the economy takes a downturn or if there is a hurricane.

This is a serious verse; it is my job to provide come what may. In order to provide for the above-mentioned scenarios, one must use some forethought. I guess one could run to the grocery store right before the hurricane hits but that sounds more like a grasshopper than an ant.

Proverbs 27:12

"A prudent person foresees the danger ahead and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences."

This is a very important verse related to preparedness. It says that a smart person sees danger and takes precautions now and a fool ignores the danger and suffers for it. So, to be smart, we have to know what danger is and be on the lookout for it so that we can take precautions against it.

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**These passages can be used by the presenter for the evening to have a discussion on the necessity of being prepared not only for natural disasters, like hurricanes, but also preparedness for the second coming of Jesus.*