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Are you ready for Ebola to invade your house?

That's the fear that is being spread around the water coolers and TVs across the country. Prepping has gone main stream and items are flying off the shelf.



It's showtime for the Doomsday set. As the lethal virus crosses America's doorstep, prep kits and gas masks are flying off shelves and fringe survivalists are going mainstream...

Many doomsday preppers have spent their lives stocking up for an emergency of the type this contagious hemorrhagic fever presents. Now, they're gearing up to put their plans into action. Charles says it's the biggest mobilization the prepper community has seen yet.

http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2014/10/17/apocalypse-now-preppers-are-gearing-up-for-ebola.html

Do you have all your food stocked up? How about a large amount of water with filtration? Medical supplies? Better check your armory and get your cleaning gear and bullets cached around the house in the event the panicked public tries to tear down your doors to get your survival stuff.

So many people are getting worked into a frenzy on this Ebola virus. Let me ask another question.

Are you ready to stand before the judgment throne of Jesus Christ?

Getting ready for Ebola reminds me of a parable that Jesus gave in Lk12:16-22,31. A rich man prepares (these preppers are ones with lots of cash) physically but doesn't prepare spiritually. Jesus calls him a FOOL! Jesus stated in verse 31 to seek the kingdom FIRST and then prepare.

RSV Luke 12:16-22,31

- 16 And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully;
- 17 and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?'
- 18 And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods.
- 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.'
- 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'
- 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."
- 22 And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat, nor about your body, what you shall put on.
- 31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things shall be yours as well.

You can't out run the Ebola virus, you don't know where it's at with its 21 day incubation period - it could be the person at the grocery store bagging your groceries or that sweating person at the gym. You end up trying to run from it like the Liberian Thomas Duncan - but it caught up with him and he died in Dallas. Those coming in contact with him expressed that the 21 day period was full of fear and loathing.

Life in Quarantine for Ebola Exposure: 21 Days of Fear and Loathing

"Ebola is jerking us back to the 19th century," he said. "It's terrible. It's isolating. It's scary. You're not connecting with other human beings, and you are fearful of a microbiologic time bomb ticking inside you."

While a quarantine is designed to protect those on the outside, it also fuels the community's fear, and sometimes its cruelty.

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/19/us/life-in-quarantine-for-ebola-exposure-21-days-of-fear-and-loathing.html?_r=0

There is another example in the bible. A city was facing the judgment of God. The city? Nineveh. Jonah warned of an impending destruction of the city in 40 days in Jonah3:1-10.

Did the people run off to another city? Did the people call Jonah a "Crazy Conspiracy theorist" No sir. The people from the least to the greatest repented and proclaimed a fast and humbled themselves before God.

God saw the true repentance from the heart and did not destroy Nineveh at that time.

RSV Jonah 3:1-10

- 1 THEN THE word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying,
- 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."
- 3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.
- 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"
- 5 And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.
- 6 Then tidings reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.
- 7 And he made proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: *Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, or drink water,*
- 8 but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them cry mightily to God; yea, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence which is in his hands.
- 9 Who knows, God may yet repent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we perish not?"
- 10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

Those persons that Noah preached to before the flood didn't listen. The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah didn't listen and they all were destroyed.

Everyone is facing certain destruction into the lake of fire **IF** they are not written into the book of life according to Rev20:12-15

RSV Revelation 20:12-15

- 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were **opened**. Also another book was opened, which is **the book of life**. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, by what they had done.
- 13 And the sea gave up the dead in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead in them, and all were judged by what they had done.
- 14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire;
- 15 and if any one's name was <u>not found written in the book of life</u>, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

It's my opinion those who are overly concerned about prepping for the Ebola virus are those who probably has a tug on their hearts looking for salvation but earthly salvation can only be had AFTER you are IN Jesus -Ps91:5-10. I truly believe that deep down they know that they need to be saved but no one has told them the truth or maybe they have not listened to the truth.

RSV Psalms 91:5-10

- 5 You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
- 6 nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- 7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand; but it will not come near you.
- 8 You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your habitation,
- 10 no evil shall befall you, no scourge [plague] come near your tent.

One should prepare their house hold for calamity there are many bible verses that back that up. This preparation must come AFTER one completes the spiritual salvation.

How? By full immersion water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins 1Pt3:21, Acts2:38

RSV 1 Peter 3:21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

RSV Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Stockpiling any other physical goods without being first added into the book of life will label you a fool by Jesus and all your goods and your very life will be burned up.

Many Christians will die from this plague just as many Christians have died from persecutions in the past, present and future. Rev2:10 gives us hope. We will be given a crown of everlasting life if we remain faithful. "Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" - Rm14:8

RSV Revelation 2:10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

RSV Romans 14:8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Are you prepared for the judgment throne?

You should be. It's not too late You are still breathing but not for long.