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While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.

JOHN 12:36

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For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

EPHESIANS 5:8



That you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

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Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

HEBREWS 13:17

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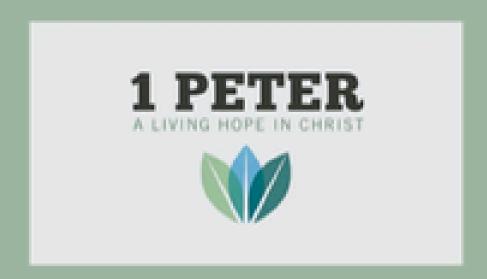
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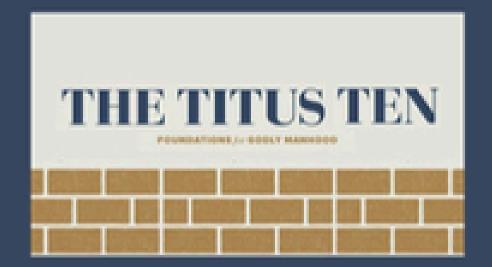
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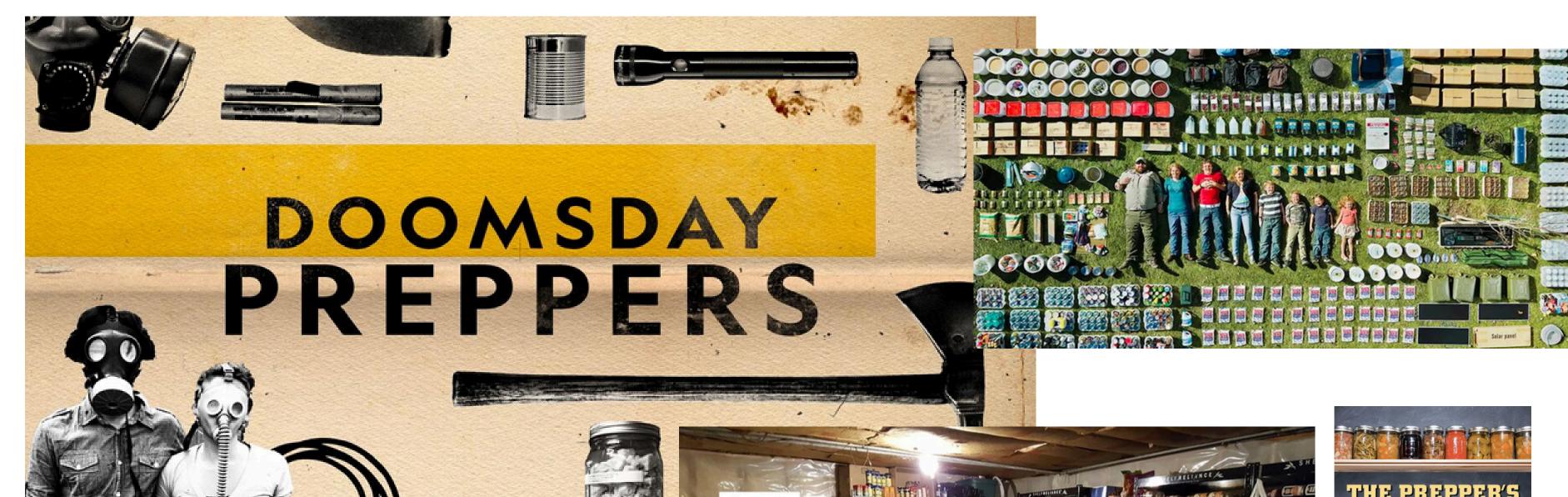
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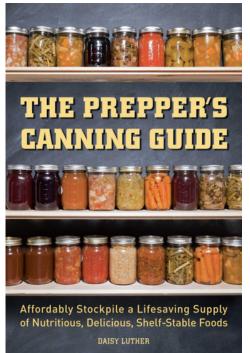
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Be ready for the return of Christ:

- Respect & love your elders, pastors, and disciple-makers by being open to admonishment. (v.12-13)
- Be at peace with members of the congregation. (v.13)
- Don't be idle by not working for your holiness (4:3) or your wages (4:11-12). (v.14)
- Encourage those who are growing weak in faith with reminders of the hope of Christ's return. (The whole letter, really)

- Help those who are weak (sick or frail) within the congregation. (v.14)
- Be patient with those who are being corrected, who are low in faith, who are weak. (v.14)
- Do not tolerate actions of revenge within the body. (v.15)
- Rejoice always by remembering the promise of Christ's return. (v.16)
- Pray without ceasing (in other words, we can always pray more than we are so keep going!). (v.17)

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Be ready for the return of Christ:

- Be thankful (not for evil) but for what you trust the Lord to do with your circumstance. (v.18)
- Don't work against the Spirit when you are being prophesied over (being called to live out Christlikeness. (v.19-20)
- Receive exhortation and test it against the Scriptures, keeping what is true. (v.21)
- Don't engage in anything that goes against God's commands, character, and design (abstain from all forms of evil).

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