

Storm Ready
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- **While obedience to Jesus' words is not a protection FROM the troubles, it is a protection IN the troubles.**

Matthew 7:24-27 (TLB) "All who listen to my instructions and follow them are wise, like a man who builds his house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents, and the floods rise and the storm winds beat against his house, it won't collapse, for it is built on rock.

But those who hear my instructions and ignore them are foolish, like a man who builds his house on sand. For when the rains and floods come, and storm winds beat against his house, it will fall with a mighty crash."

- **THE ONLY WAY TO PRODUCE A STORM-READY LIFE IS BY FAITHFULNESS AND CONSISTENCY.**

Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not lay up (store up) for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:25-27 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, And yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?"

2 Thessalonians 3:1 "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all."

I. Spiritual Preparation:

1 Peter 4:7-8 "The end of all things is at hand: be therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent love among yourselves: for love shall cover the multitude of sins."

2 Peter 3:11 "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons you are to be in all holy conversation and godliness...?"

1. "Bring all your natural feelings under the control of FAITH."
2. Bring everything to God in PRAYER.
"Watch unto prayer" (4:7).
3. Show Unconditional LOVE to others.
"A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense." (Proverbs 19:11 NIV)
Proverbs 10:12 (CEV) says, "Love overlooks the wrongs that others do."
4. Getting our HEARTS ready.
"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life" (Proverbs 4:23).
 - A. Because your heart is extremely VALUABLE.
 - B. Your heart is the SOURCE of everything you do.
 - C. Because our heart is under constant ATTACK.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. DO YOU HAVE AREAS OF YOUR LIFE THAT YOU NEED TO "BRING UNDER THE CONTROL OF FAITH AND NOT FEAR?"
2. ARE THERE AREAS OF YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU ARE WORRYING AND NOT PRAYING?"