

Part 1 BASIC PHILOSOPHY and Personal Assessment

Am I really prepared?

Emergency preparedness frees believers to be available to serve others in times of crisis, rather than being concerned for their own immediate safety and survival needs. You need to be free as an Ambassador of Christ instead of a victim of the crisis.

❖ **NOTE: KEEP a PENCIL and HIGHLIGHTER handy as you read through this material. There are numerous places you may want to jot notes or write questions.**

Preparedness is a kind of insurance: you have it but hope you don't have to use it. But in case you do have to use it, it is there! And just like insurance, if you do not have it when you need it, you are fully responsible for the consequences.

Preparedness is like an insurance you can borrow from as long as you agree to pay it back. It is a resource or supplement...

- for short-term emergencies
- for a long-term crisis
- during the loss of a job
- as a supplement during retirement
- for camping and traveling
- for unexpected guests
- for practical gifts
- for helping others in need
- during an economic downturn
- as an investment for future resale, barter, or personal savings: long-term storage food and other basic supplies will be worth more in the future due to inflation, scarcity, or demand.

Personal Assessment of Your Preparedness

**How many of the following things have you done to prepare for an emergency?
Circle "Y" (yes) or "N" (no); add a clarifying note if you wish.**

What would you do...

1. ...if all the stores in your area were out of food?
Y N We have enough **food** set aside for one week. (One month? Three months?)
2. ...if you turned on the faucet and there was no water?
Y N We have stored at least two gallons of **water** per person per day for our family for one week. (One month? Three months?)