

PREPARING FOR THE FIRES OF LIFE

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Key Text: Proverbs 1:20-33

1. It is too late to install a sprinkler system when the house is on fire, but God can send the rain.

- What is my next step to prepare for the fires of life by building my spiritual life? (Install the sprinkler system)

Ex.—Daily Devotion, Group Bible Study, Consistency at church, memorization, journaling, fasting and prayer.

2. It is too late to develop a fire department when the house is on fire, but God is sufficient.

- What is one area of my life I could use someone's help?

Ex.—Encouragement, childcare, household responsibilities, comfort, house/yard work, family/elderly care, financial guidance, etc.

- Who could help me in this area? _____

- What is one way I could offer help to others?
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- Who is one person I can offer to help? _____

3. Circle one area which would best help me prepare for a better future:

- 1) **Regular Dr.'s Physical/Testing**—Use your primary care doctor or a local clinic
- 2) **Nutrition and Exercise**—Develop healthy habits
- 3) **Prepare a will/living trust**—A lawyer is not needed, but can be helpful. Info about wills in Maryland:
<https://registers.maryland.gov/main/publications/wills.html>
- 4) **Prepare advance directives**
<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/advance-care-planning-health-care-directives> (NIH info)

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/family-qa/advance-medical-directives-for-aging-loved-ones/> (Christian guidance)
- 5) **Plan for aging**—Discuss with family
- 6) **Budgeting**—Resource: Financial Peace University
<https://www.ramseysolutions.com/ramseyplus/financial-peace>
- 7) **Financial Planning**—Discuss with family and/or financial advisor
- 8) **Home Fire Plan**—Consult your local fire department
Resources from the US Fire Administration
<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/escape.html>
- 9) **Marriage/family development**
<https://garythomas.com/books/sacred-marriage/>