

Study #4 —Study Outline

Preparing for the No Buy / No Sell Lifestyle

1. John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

–What is the promise here? —That the Holy Spirit will teach us all things.

–Do we want to be taught by the Holy Spirit?

a. *Review and Herald*, March 22, 1887; (quotation #4-1)

There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hindrance, so that the Lord can pour out his Spirit upon a languishing church and an impenitent congregation. ... When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God, the blessing will come.

–If we want to be taught by the Holy Spirit we must “clear the way by removing every hindrance” —get rid of anything that might be standing between us and God

2. Proverbs 22:3

Wise people foresee trouble coming and avoid it, but foolish people keep going and suffer

Part 1 **Not Being Able to Buy or Sell**

3. Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, . . .

– Noah built the ark because he was “divinely warned.” What have we been “divinely warned” about? —that God would have us “foresee” and take action to “avoid?”

4. Revelation 13:16-17

He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

–Without the ‘Mark of the Beast’ we will not be able to buy or sell

a. Revelation 14:9-11

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

–(Note: the “wine of the wrath of God” is a direct reference to the Seven Last Plagues —see Rev 15:1, 16:1.) This sets us up for a serious crisis! In order to be able to continue to buy the things we need, will we receive the Mark? —and in so doing also receive the plagues, and be eternally lost? If we can’t buy or sell, how will we get the things we need?

5. Not being able to buy or sell would mean:

- a. No (grid) electricity, no: lights, refrigerator, microwave, washer/dryer, AC, electronics, power tools
- b. No ‘running water’ no: faucets, shower/bath, flush toilets —unless we’re on a solar or gravity system
- c. No gas, (fossil fuels) no: vehicles, stove, oven, hot water, furnace, power equipment
- d. Going without *any one* of these would greatly impact our lifestyle!

– Just think about what happens when the washing machine, refrigerator or car breaks down! Or simply think about what happens when the power goes out!

- Yet we are going to have to deal with all of this!

– And, still evangelize! —as Probation has not yet Closed

- Notice the following:

Matthew 25:1-13

And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’

Ministry of Healing, page 469-470; (quotation #4-2)

If we would draw sinners out of the swift-running current, our own feet must be firmly set upon the Rock, Christ Jesus.

–Are we preparing ourselves to be able to serve in this crisis? Or will we be scrambling for our own survival?

Part 2 **What Have We Been Told to Do to Prepare?**

6. Hebrews 11:7

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–Just as God told Noah how to prepare, He’s also told us how to prepare

a. *Country Living*, pages 9-10, (Letter 5, 1904; also on 2SM 141); (quotation #4-3)

Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own provisions; for in the future the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one. We should now begin to heed the instruction given us over and over again: Get out of the cities into rural districts, where the houses are not crowded closely together, and where you will be free from the interference of enemies.

–Get set up in the country to be able to raise our own provisions

- Genesis 2:15

Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

–Here we have a Scriptural precedent of what to do when you are not able to buy or sell. Adam and Eve weren’t able to buy or sell —there wasn’t any shopping center just outside of the Garden of Eden! So they got what they needed from the Garden.

b. *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 325; (quotation #4-4)

The people should learn as far as possible to depend upon the products that they can obtain from the soil.

–Notice that it does not say, ‘products *that can be* obtained from the soil.’ So we need to learn to depend on what *we* can grow in *our* climate —not exotics.

7. *Selected Messages Book 3*, pages 427-428; (quotation #4-5)

The time of trouble was upon us. I saw our people in great distress, weeping and praying, pleading the sure promises of God, while the wicked were all around us mocking us and threatening to destroy us. They ridiculed our feebleness, they mocked at the smallness of our numbers, and taunted us with words calculated to cut deep. They charged us with taking an independent position from all the rest of the world. They had cut off our resources so that we could not buy or sell, and they referred to our abject poverty and stricken condition. They could not see how we could live without the world. We were dependent on the world, and we must concede to the customs, practices, and laws of the world, or go out of it. If we were the only people in the world whom the Lord favored, the appearances were awfully against us.

—Because of all this, God’s people will be in “abject poverty.” —So what happened to that nice home all set up in alternate energy comfort? It doesn’t seem to be a part of this picture! Think about it: When we get to heaven will we say, ‘Oh, I sure wish we’d gotten that house and solar system set up so we would have been more comfortable during the Time of Trouble’ -or- ‘I wish we’d done *more*, and done it *sooner*, so at least one person more might be here?’

a. Notice also the following:

Matthew 10:23

When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Testimonies for the Church Vol. 6, page 478; (quotation #4-6)

If persecution comes there, go to still another place. God will lead His people, making them a blessing in many places. Were it not for persecution they would not be so widely scattered abroad to proclaim the truth.

—We may also need to relocate —so we should think in terms of being portable

8. *Manuscript Releases, Vol 19, page 26; (quotation #4-7)*

Privation may be the lot of every soul who now believes and obeys the truth. Christ has told us that we will have reproach. If persecution for the truth's sake is to come, it is important that every line of work become familiar to us, that we and our families may not suffer through lack of knowledge. We can and should have tact and knowledge in trades, in building, in planting, and in sowing. A knowledge of how to cultivate the land will make rough places much smoother. This knowledge will be counted a great blessing, even by our enemies.

–To deal with this “privation” we will also need to develop skills and know how to do things for ourselves

9. Unfortunately, our modern lifestyle has set us up to receive the Mark of the Beast. ‘Modern conveniences’ and buying *everything* we need has caused us to not develop self-sufficiency skills, or even acquire the basic equipment we need to be self-sufficient.

Part 3 **Necessary Skills and Equipment for No Buy / No Sell**

10. What we need for long-term survival:



11. We have all these things are in our homes —although we don’t usually think about it this way, in a very real sense our homes are our ‘survival system’

- But without electricity or gas, many of the things in our homes will not work
For example: most homes are not set up to cook indoors on a wood fire. But a couple hundred years ago, this was common
- So when we are not able to buy or sell, we will essentially be going back to an 18th century lifestyle
- Burning wood, and ‘muscle power’ will take the place of many of the things we use of electricity and gas for. Although this lifestyle was once common, a lot of this technology has been ‘lost’ to the general public. Fortunately there are many historical re-enactment groups that have been working to keep at least portions of this knowledge alive —we would be wise to learn what we can from them! In preparation, we should learn as many of these skills and collect as much of the equipment necessary for this lifestyle as possible! And possibly re-outfit our country homes so they will be able to function without electricity or fossil fuels.

12. To live this lifestyle we will need: an independent source of water, hygiene and sanitation systems, and a way to cook & heat our homes with wood

- a. For this lifestyle to work for us, we will also need the equipment and skills to provide all of these without electricity or gas
13. To produce everything we eat, besides ‘gardens,’ we also need to think about grapes and berries, fruit and nut trees, *and growing our own grains*
- a. And to have food year around, (not just when it is ripe), we will need the equipment and ‘know how’ to not only cultivate and harvest these foods, but also be able to process, and preserve them—all without electricity or gas
14. We would be wise to get the necessary equipment that we will need before we are not able to buy/sell
- a. But what about ‘last minute converts’ who haven’t had a chance to prepare, or what if we lose something?
15. Skill sets needed to provide the Survival Priority Equipment:



–There are people who already do many of these things as ‘crafts.’ But, for the most part they have to buy the raw materials in order to do the craft! We need to learn how to do these things with products we can obtain from the soil. For example, let’s look at the first item on the list. To make clothes, we need cloth, sewing equipment and sewing skills. However, to make the cloth so that we would be able to sew it, we would need thread or yarn, a loom, and fiber art skills to weave it. But to make yarn, we would need fibers, some type of spindle or spinning wheel, and the fiber art skills to spin it. And, to have fibers, we would need land and agricultural skills to grow cotton or flax, or raise sheep for wool. We would also need woodworking and metal working skills to make the spinning wheel, the loom, and the other necessary equipment items. Please trace out each item on the Survival Priority Equipment list this way, all the way back to products we can obtain from the soil, (we simply don’t have the time or space to do all that here).

16. Note which skill sets keep coming up on the chart? (1) agricultural skills, (2) fiber arts, (3) wood working, and (4) metal working, (we would need all of these to not only to make cloth, but to make many of the other items as well)

a. Choose one of these skill sets that you are interested in, and *develop it!* Then, once you have become proficient, develop another skill!

Part 4 **Will We Be an 'Asset' or a 'Liability' to the Group God Connects Us With?**

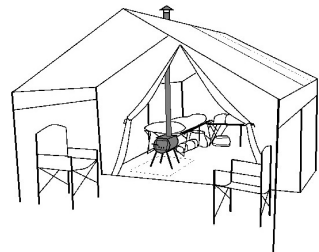
17. *Loma Linda Messages*, page 477; (quotation #4-8)

The time will come when God's people will have to move away from the cities, and live in small companies, by themselves. If our people regard God's instructions as of value, they will move out of the cities, so that they will not be corrupted by its revolting sights, and so that their children will not be corrupted by its vices. Those who choose to remain in the cities . . . must share the disaster that will come upon them. . . .

–Note: during this time we will be in “small companies.” Are we going to be an ‘asset’ or a ‘liability,’ a benefit or a burden, to the group God connects us with?

a. Having skills, key equipment, along with a willingness to work is what will make us an ‘asset’—the more skills and equipment we have, the more we will be an asset

b. But, *more than anything else*, having our own warm/dry *shelter*, (it's Priority #1), is what will make us an ‘asset.’ And, to put this together with what we talked about in point 6.a. about possibly having to relocate, we may need a *portable* shelter that we can heat with wood and cook inside with wood.



18. In preparation for not being able to buy or sell, start weaning yourself from being dependent on electricity and fossil fuels

a. Develop industrious habits, start collecting equipment, learning self-sufficiency skills, and start gardening!

b. A good way to practice the no buy/no sell lifestyle is by going camping

19. John 15:5, (Hebrews 11:7) –Remember Jesus said “Without Me you can do nothing.” So don't try to do all this on your own. Let God lead. Don't be overwhelmed, but ‘move with Godly fear’ and take this seriously, take it step by step, and doing something each day to be more prepared.

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~ to prepare a people to stand in the great day of the Lord ~

Asset -or- Liability: a ‘Story’ of Two Families

by Jim Buller

If you haven’t been able to get a place in the country yet, start developing skills and collecting key equipment items. It might be helpful to think: Are we going to be an ‘asset’ or a ‘liability’ to the group God connects us with? To illustrate this concept, let’s contrast two different families who are still living in the same large city at the time of the first national Sunday law. Remember, this law marks the beginning of the Time of Trouble and is our signal to flee the large cities, (see Matthew 24:15-21, Luke 21:20-21, and *Testimonies for the Church Vol. 5*, page 464-465). This will probably happen *before* we are not able to buy or sell, so we will picture both families still being able to buy gas and flee from the city in their vehicles. For the purpose of our illustration, both of these families also know a third family that already lives in the country. This third family has generously ‘invited’ both of the families to come to their place if they don’t have anywhere else to go when its time to flee. They have also extended this same ‘invitation’ to several other believers as well.

Like Lot and his family, the first family in our illustration hasn’t prepared. When they reluctantly realized that it was time to flee —*NOW!*— they just grabbed a few personal items, got in their car and drove off, (probably repeating Matthew 24:17-18 and Luke 17:32 to themselves). When they ‘showed up’ at the third family’s property, a place had to be found for them to stay. Since there were several others who had also already accepted the third family’s ‘invitation,’ the first family ended up ‘living’ in a corner of the already overcrowded small farmhouse. By that time it was late in the day, so everyone worked to scrounge up some bedding for them to sleep with.

“Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.”

Matthew 24:17-18

“Remember Lot’s wife.”

Luke 17:32

In the morning, everyone had a hearty breakfast, but the wife of the third family was overheard saying, “With this group, the food we have here won’t last long.” After breakfast there was a group meeting, during which chores for the day were assigned. But, the first family in our illustration had to be shown how to use the tools in the garden and orchard, how to safely cut firewood, and because they had frequently eaten out, they even had to learn how to prepare food ‘from scratch.’ So it actually took longer to get things done.

Often they were tempted to complain about the ‘sub-standard’ living conditions, the dirt, and the bugs. Because they were not used to physical labor, it was definitely a challenge for them just to do their part of the workload. Their inclination toward laziness together with their somewhat negative attitude tried the patience of the rest of the group. However as loving brothers and sisters in Jesus, they were willing to work with them and help them grow.

Their lack of preparation in all these areas definitely put additional strain on the already limited resources, as well as on the social and spiritual structure of the group. Because they had to be provided with even their basic necessities, because of their lack

of practical skills, and because of their attitudes towards work and discomfort, they would have been a 'liability.'

On the other hand, like Noah and his family, the second family in our illustration did prepare. Although they had not been able to purchase country property of their own, they still did what they could. As they thought and prayed about their situation, they realized that when they had to flee they would probably be going to someone else's place in the country, and they determined that they would be an 'asset' rather than a 'liability' when they got there.

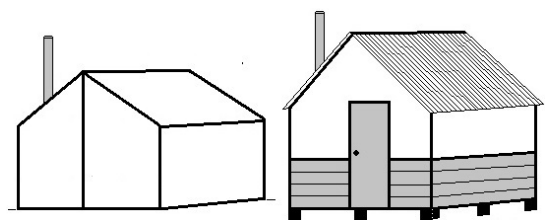
They lived in a 2nd story apartment, so they didn't have any yard. But they still wanted to get some experience 'raising their own provisions.' So, after thinking and praying about it, they started growing some simple vegetables in a couple of pots on their small balcony deck. Soon, their deck was crowded with as many containers as they could fit on it. They even had a dwarf fruit tree.

Realizing that 'Shelter' is the #1 Priority, they concluded that if they were going to truly be an 'asset' they would somehow have to provide their own shelter. Bringing their own shelter to stay in would contribute more toward them being an 'asset' than anything else. Otherwise, they would have to depend on the owners of the property for something to live in. So, they prayed, and did some research on various shelter options.

The first thing they thought of was to get an RV. Electricity for the electrical components could be provided by a simple solar panel set up. However, for heating and cooking, RVs are dependant on propane, which must be purchased. So, after they were no longer able to buy or sell they wouldn't have any heat, neither would they be able to cook indoors. Possibly, they could install a wood burning stove. But, the floor plans of most RVs simply don't allow for that. So, they ruled out getting an RV. Besides, realistically, the smallish vehicle they already had would not be able to tow a travel trailer, and they could not afford a larger tow vehicle or motor home.

After doing more research, they discovered that there are people living year around in Northern Canada and Alaska in canvas wall tents. These tents come with a 'stove jack,' which allow a wood stove to be set up inside them. Before about the 1930s, these types of tents were common, and there are several references to this type of tent in Ellen

White's writings. They were regularly used in the mining and lumber camps, where people needed a warm dry place to stay starting with their first night in a remote area. In time, many of the miners and lumbermen would make a wooden floor platform with a 'knee wall' to set their tent up on. Then, by adding roofing, and siding, etc. step by step as they were able, these tents could be turned into a cabin. Compared to modern tents made of synthetic materials, these tents are much more durable, warmer, and they come in many sizes. A tent would be considerably less expensive, and more easily transported than an RV. So, the family decided to purchase a canvas wall tent with a 'stove jack,' and a small wood burning 'tent stove' to go with it.



wall tent and mining camp tent cabin

To practice living the no buy / no sell lifestyle, they regularly went camping. On these trips they spent time in nature, practiced cooking on a wood fire, and became familiar with how to make life without electricity or gas work. From the experience they gained

while camping, they realized the need for other key equipment items, such as: rugged clothing, good bedding, containers for water, a large washbasin, a folding table, a small axe, a bow saw, and a shovel.

They soon realized that there wouldn't be room for themselves and all this gear in their smallish vehicle. When they actually had to flee they would want to take even more than they took when they went camping. So they thought and prayed about what they should do. A few days later, they noticed a motorcycle pulling a small trailer, and realized that even with their small car, there were small inexpensive utility trailers that they could tow even with their vehicle. So they worked toward having a trailer hitch installed on their car, and bought one of these trailers.

As they recognized the nearness of the time to flee, they began in earnest to collect some of the other equipment items that they didn't already have: a hand-cranked grain grinder, a wash tub, a wheelbarrow, and a crosscut saw. Because storage space was limited in their apartment, they made an organized pile of gear in one corner of their living room. These things, along with their personal items, were kept ready to go, so they could quickly load up the car and trailer, and head out of town when the time came to leave.

By this time they had also already made several visits to the third family's property. While there, they would help with whatever needed to be done on the homestead, and share spiritually with the third family. On one of these visits, as they talked with the third family, it was decided that they should pick out a spot for their camp. So, together with the third family, they picked out a spot, trimmed the trees and bushes in the area, leveled out a pad for their tent, and cut and stacked some firewood.

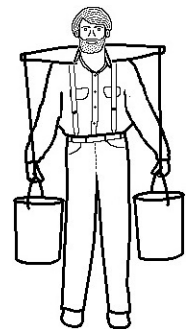
When the time came to flee, they loaded up their car and trailer, and drove out of the city. Once they 'showed up' at the third family's property, they simply 'checked in' with them, then drove over to their spot. As they put up their tent, set up the wood stove, brought in the folding table, unfolded their cots and rolled out the sleeping mats, spread out their sleeping bags, brought in the boxes of food and utensils, and the duffles with their clothes, everyone in the family helped—even the children. They all knew just what to do, and just where everything needed to go.

"But I am the Lord your God,
Ever since the land of Egypt;
I will again make you dwell in tents,
As in the days of the appointed feast."
Hosea 12:9

Although their tent wasn't large, they had a warm, dry place to live. They had their own adequate clothing and bedding. In many ways they were better off than those at the house. At the very least they had their own privacy as a family.

Since they had brought their own equipment, they were able to haul their own water, bathe themselves, wash their own clothes, cut their own firewood, and cook their own food. They were also able 'pitch right in' with the work that needed to be done in garden, orchard, and grain field. The wheelbarrow they brought was a great blessing to everyone, hauling produce from the garden, biomass to the compost pile, and firewood to and from the woodpiles.

As they saw the crowded conditions at the house, they shared much of the stores of food they had brought with them. They had learned to sew as a part of their preparations, and bought a hand-cranked sewing machine. So when they noticed that there was quite a bit of clothing being shared



hauling water
from the well

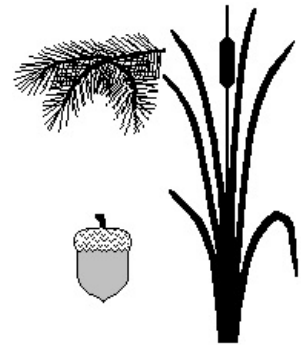
among the group, they were able to help alter some of the clothing so it would fit the person who was wearing it better. They had also learned a bit about construction and brought some basic construction tools. So, when one of the other people in the group was able to get some lumber, they were able to help build a couple small cabins to relieve the overcrowding at the house, and make a wood floor for their tent.

Because they were missionary minded, they helped to organize the group's evangelistic team that would go to visit and share the end-time gospel message with the neighbors, the nearby country community, and even the city they had left behind. They had also studied 'medical missionary work.' So whenever someone in the group, one of the neighbors, or someone the evangelistic team contacted became injured or sick, they were able to help.

'The cities are to be worked from outposts. Said the messenger of God, "Shall not the cities be warned? Yes; not by God's people living in them, but by their visiting them, to warn them of what is coming upon the earth."'

Country Living, page 30

During their earlier study of the prophecies they had recognized the need to be able to 'endure to the end,' (see Matthew 24:13), and began looking at the end-time scene a whole. In doing so they realized that in addition to fleeing from the cities to the country at the first national Sunday law, they also needed to be prepared to flee to the "most desolate and solitary places" in response to the Death Decree shortly after the Seven Last Plagues began to be poured out. (Great Controversy, page 626, 627-628, and *Early Writings*, pages 36-37.) As a result, they had started learning about wilderness survival. From that time on, they would learn and practice bushcraft skills in the evenings and on their camping trips. As a family, they had even gone on a couple 'survival trips,' taking only minimal gear for practice. This knowledge and experience enabled them to teach the rest of the group about wild edible plants and other wilderness skills in preparation for when they would all have to leave the country property, and flee to the wilderness.

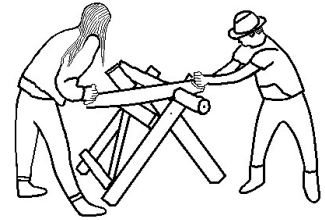


Due to their own research and previous visits to the third family's homestead, they knew life in the country would be a lot of hard work. Because of their diligent study and belief in the end-time prophecies, they were also diligent about their preparations. They collected necessary equipment. They practiced as much as they could by growing their container garden, going camping, and learning skills in the evenings. The time and effort they put into these activities, together with their Christian attitudes in general, helped to develop in them a willingness to work, and the group never heard any of them complain, even their children.

This second family had prepared as much as they were able. They were set up not only to be able to take care of themselves, but to also be a blessing to others. From their others-centered focus in life, and their seriousness about preparing for the things we have been "divinely warned" about, it was obvious that Jesus was living in their hearts. Their faith was made evident by their works. This second family was definitely an 'asset!' Everyone in the group was glad they were there.

MINIMAL ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT

- Adequate Clothing: rugged clothing for both warm and cold weather (hats, scarves)
- Blankets/Sleeping Bags
- Sleeping Pads/Mats
- Tarp(s): 10'x12' treated canvas (for shelter covering —about 1 tarp per person)
- Water: Personal Water Bottle(s), 3-5 gal Jug(s), and Purification Device
- Buckets (for hauling water, washing, and a waste water bucket)
- Wash Basin/Wash Tub
- Towels & Wash-Clothes
- Personal Hygiene Items (toothbrush, hair brush, soap, deodorant, toilet paper, etc.)
- Cleaning Supplies
- First-Aid Kit
- Fire-Starter(s)
- Food (especially dried foods)
- Cooking Pots / 'Dutch Oven'
- Cooking Utensils
- Mixing Bowls
- Cutting Board
- Spoons & Forks, Cups, Bowls, Plates
- Knives
- Hatchet (1 ¼ head)
- Bow-Saw
- Sharpening Stones/Files
- Shovel
- Cordage (twine, rope, etc)
- Packs/Bags/Boxes/Containers —to store and carry all this in



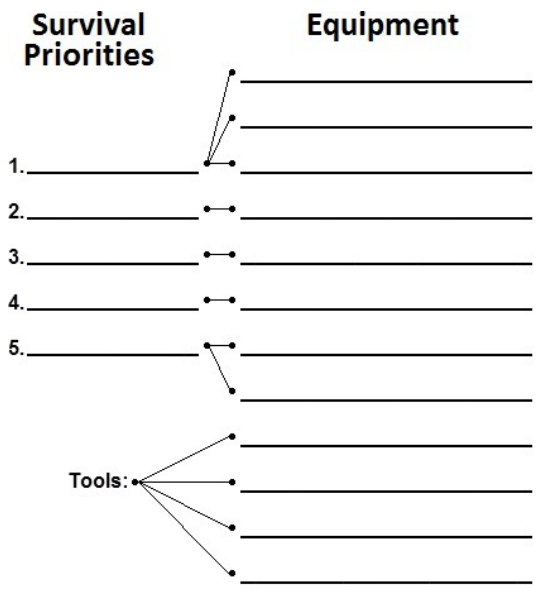
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED (but don't let anything below crowd out any item on the above list)

- Work Gloves
- Sewing Supplies (hand-cranked sewing machine?)
- Cots (for sleeping on —allows for storage space underneath)
- A Canvas Tent with a 'stove jack' (so it can have a small wood stove inside, such as a 'canvas outfitters wall tent' or 'camping yurt') -or- an RV with a wood stove
- 'Tent Stove' & accessories (stove pipe, spark arrester/rain cap, poker, ash shovel, ash bucket)
- Water Barrel (15-55 gal)
- Broom
- Cross-Cut Saw
- Splitting Axe/Maul
- Construction Tools (carpentry, masonry, roofing, plumbing etc.)
- Safety Equipment (goggles, dust masks, etc.)
- Grain Grinder (hand-cranked, or pedal powered?) [Corona Grain Mill]
- 'Heirloom' / Open Pollinated Seeds
- Gardening Tools: spading fork, spade, rake, hoe, pitch fork, clippers, hand trowel, ...
- Wheelbarrow

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 - a. RH 3/22/1887 –If so, we must _____ the way by _____ every hindrance
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 - a. CL 9-10 –Get set up in the _____ to _____ our own _____ (Gen 2:15)
 - b. FE 325 –Learn to _____ on products we can obtain from the _____
7. 3SM 427-428 –Because of all this, God’s people will be in “ _____ ”
 - a. Matt 10:23, 6T 478 –We may also need to _____ (need for portability)
8. 19MR 26 –To deal with “privation” we will also need to know _____
9. ‘Conveniences’ and buying everything —> lack of self-sufficiency _____ and _____
- Part 3 10. What we need for long-term survival:



11. We have all these things are in our _____
 a. But without electricity or gas they may not _____
 b. Essentially, we'll be going back to an _____ century lifestyle
 c. Burning _____, and ' _____ power' will take the place
 of many of the things we use of electricity and gas for



12. To live this lifestyle we will need: an independent source of _____, _____
 and _____ systems, and a way to _____ and _____ our homes
 a. And, the _____ and _____ to provide all these without electricity/gas
13. To produce everything we eat, besides gardens, we also need to think about _____
 and _____, fruit and nut _____, and growing our own _____
 a. To have food year around, we will need the _____ and _____ to
 cultivate, harvest, process, and preserve these foods —without electricity or gas
14. We would be wise to get necessary equipment _____ not being able to buy/sell
 a. But what about ' _____ converts,' or what if we _____ something?
- 15.



16. Which skill sets keep coming up? _____
 a. Choose one you are interested in and _____ it

- Part 4 17. LLM 477 –Are we going to be an ' _____ ' or a ' _____ ' to our group?
 a. The more _____ and key _____ we have, the more we will be an 'asset'
 b. But more than anything, having our own warm/dry _____ will make us an 'asset'
18. Start weaning yourself from being _____ on electricity and fossil fuels
 a. Develop _____ habits, collect _____, learn _____, start _____
 b. A good way to practice the no buy / no sell lifestyle is by going _____
19. Jn 15:5 –Don't be overwhelmed, but 'move with Godly fear' and take this _____

#4-1. *Review and Herald*, March 22, 1887

There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hindrance, so that the Lord can pour out his Spirit upon a languishing church and an impenitent congregation. ... When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God, the blessing will come.

#4-2. *Ministry of Healing*, page 469-470

If we would draw sinners out of the swift-running current, our own feet must be firmly set upon the Rock, Christ Jesus.

#4-3. *Country Living*, pages 9-10, (Letter 5, 1904; also on 2SM 141)

Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own provisions; for in the future the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one. We should now begin to heed the instruction given us over and over again: Get out of the cities into rural districts, where the houses are not crowded closely together, and where you will be free from the interference of enemies.

#4-4. *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 325

The people should learn as far as possible to depend upon the products that they can obtain from the soil.

#4-5. *Selected Messages Book 3*, pages 427-428

The time of trouble was upon us. I saw our people in great distress, weeping and praying, pleading the sure promises of God, while the wicked were all around us mocking us and threatening to destroy us. They ridiculed our feebleness, they mocked at the smallness of our numbers, and taunted us with words calculated to cut deep. They charged us with taking an independent position from all the rest of the world. They had cut off our resources so that we could not buy or sell, and they referred to our abject poverty and stricken condition. They could not see how we could live without the world. We were dependent on the world, and we must concede to the customs, practices, and laws of the world, or go out of it. If we were the only people in the world whom the Lord favored, the appearances were awfully against us.

#4-6. *Testimonies for the Church Vol. 6*, page 478

If persecution comes there, go to still another place. God will lead His people, making them a blessing in many places. Were it not for persecution they would not be so widely scattered abroad to proclaim the truth.

#4-7. *Manuscript Releases, Vol 19*, page 26

Privation may be the lot of every soul who now believes and obeys the truth. Christ has told us that we will have reproach. If persecution for the truth's sake is to come, it is important that every line of work become familiar to us, that we and our families may not suffer through lack of knowledge. We can and should have tact and knowledge in trades, in building, in planting, and in sowing. A knowledge of how to cultivate the land will make rough places much smoother. This knowledge will be counted a great blessing, even by our enemies.

#4-8. *Loma Linda Messages*, page 477

The time will come when God's people will have to move away from the cities, and live in small companies, by themselves. If our people regard God's instructions as of value, they will move out of the cities, so that they will not be corrupted by its revolting sights, and so that their children will not be corrupted by its vices. Those who choose to remain in the cities . . . must share the disaster that will come upon them. . . .

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