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John 8: 31-32

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Civil defense preparations are a kind of insurance that is very dangerous to be without. Like most insurance, you hope never to need your civil defense preparations. Nevertheless, it is irresponsible to leave one's family unprotected against major disaster.

If you buy life insurance from a company that ultimately becomes bankrupt, you have lost your life insurance. It is therefore important to determine that the economic health of your insurer (especially during periods of economic stress) is sound, so that your insurance will be there when you need it.

In the case of family civil defense preparations, the family itself is the insurer. Here to, the economic survival of the family is necessary to the maintenance of their disaster insurance.

Your shelter will not do you much good if the bank has repossessed the property in which you installed it. The rural location you chose to increase the family's quality of life and physical security is of little value if you are economically forced to return to an urban location.

For some people economic security for the basic items required for survival is difficult to achieve, because they have little savings or disposable income to utilize for this provision. Others are so wealthy that the resources required for civil defense preparations are a minor expense.

Paradoxically, it is the wealthy group that is more likely to lose their physical survival to economic failure or procrastination. Wealth often breeds a kind of complacency. It is difficult for such people to imagine ever needing to worry about the cost of food or an eviction notice. Moreover, wealth makes possible the kinds of leveraged investment risks which can quickly lead to bankruptcy.