

# FIGHTING CHANCE

*John 8: 31-32*

*Proverbs 22: 3*

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## THE UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Some “survivalists” of the 1970s found themselves in an unexpected predicament. Certain that the immediate future held only disaster for the United States, they headed for the hills with their “gold, guns, and groceries” and awaited war, economic collapse, civil chaos, epidemic, or all of these combined. Since they were certain that disaster was imminent, they made no plans for productive lives if disaster did not come. When disaster did not arrive, they found themselves ill-prepared for the prosperity of the 1980s. Some appeared almost disappointed that chaos had been avoided.

These people were not wrong to prepare for the survival of their families under severe civil defense emergencies. Is it imprudent to buy life insurance to provide for your family if you should die? Year-by-year term life insurance is a sensible expense. Are you disappointed that your life insurance was not used in 1992?

They were also not wrong in their evaluation of national and world risks.

- With 45,000 nuclear weapons in Soviet hands and primarily targeted on the United States, anyone who took no action to protect his family from this danger was irresponsible indeed. These weapons and the continuing technology to produce them are still with us and are proliferating throughout the world.
- With American national prospects in the hands of people in Washington who have accumulated an unthinkable and unpayable debt and are still spending and taxing without the least regard for honesty, the probability of economic collapse grows daily.
- With a welfare system that pays millions of people simply to exist, America has built a huge reservoir of people from whom domestic upheaval and terrorism can be expected. Increasing lawlessness in the welfare ghettos is indicative.
- With national policies that have murdered over 20 million American children and are beginning to advocate the murder of older Americans as well – and that are increasingly