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*Have you thought
of everything?*

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Today there are many financial experts that can tell us how to prepare for our financial future. I believe it is very wise to plan ahead or else we may find ourselves in a very uncomfortable situation.

Many people are wisely looking ahead at their tomorrow but, sad to say, many are not looking far enough. What about your plans for eternity? Is this life truly all there is or is there more? How does one plan for eternity? Well, to answer these questions let's go to the expert, the Bible, God's word.

Any good financial counselor will first ask you what your goals are for the future. What kind of retirement do you want to look forward to? He may then show you several preset goals to choose from. The Bible gives you a choice of two. The first is everlasting destruction. "*...They that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power.*" **2 Thessalonians 1:8, 9.** The second option is everlasting life.

If you choose to spend eternity in everlasting destruction and separation from God and His mercies, you need not make any changes in your present thinking or planning nor do you need to read any further because you are already headed towards that end if you have never repented of your sins and accepted Jesus as your Savior. Sin is what separates man from his Holy Creator. **Romans 3:23** tells us that "*all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*" The result of sin is death. Spiritual death. Everlasting destruction.

God, out of love for you, offers you and has prepared for you another option. That option is to spend eternity with Him and His Son and to enjoy His glory and blessing forever. The only preparation necessary is to recognize that you are spiritually bankrupt. You are a sinner that has sinned against a Holy God and you are worthy of His just wrath. Then you must believe that God sent His Son Jesus to be your Substitute to pay your debt. You must believe that God poured out His just wrath for your sins on Jesus when He hung on the cross and then raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand. Your debt is paid! Your eternity is secured in Christ! "*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became*

poor, that you through His poverty might be rich.
2 Corinthians 8:9

Read these simple instructions to the only way of salvation that God has ordained.

Acts 16: 30, 31. "...What must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved and your house."

Romans 10:9, 10. "If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and will believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture says, Whoever believes on Him will not be ashamed."

Are you spending a lifetime preparing for those few short years of retirement? Be wise and prepare for the ages and ages of eternity. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ!

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