

Greetings to you in the powerful name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Welcome to this teaching from God's Word.

It is vital for every believer to understand God's expectations before their earthly life comes to an end. Consider the example of King Hezekiah. Just before his death, God spoke to him through the prophet Isaiah and instructed him to put his house in order because his death was near.

### Isaiah 38:1

"In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, 'This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.'"

Notice that God did not say, "Rest and don't worry." Instead, He told Hezekiah to **prepare** his affairs. This instruction highlights a biblical principle: God calls His people to be intentional and responsible stewards of their lives, especially as they approach the end (see also Psalm 90:12

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”).

This shows that salvation is not just about a moment of decision but involves an ongoing, active faith that bears fruit (James 2:17). God desires that we live with purpose and prepare to meet Him, knowing that each life must give an account (Romans 14:12).

Sadly, many people take salvation lightly, thinking entering heaven is as simple as boarding a bus with a ticket. But Scripture teaches us that **entrance into the Kingdom of God requires preparation and faithful stewardship** of what God has entrusted to us.

Jesus emphasized this in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). Here are key verses

“The one who had received five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents; see, I have gained five more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”  
(*Matthew 25:20-21*)

The servant who hid his talent was rebuked for laziness and unfaithfulness (v.26-30). This parable illustrates the theological truth of stewardship—that believers are entrusted with spiritual gifts, opportunities, and resources to invest for God’s Kingdom. Faithfulness in these areas is evidence of genuine salvation and readiness to enter heaven (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Where do your possessions, knowledge, skills, and spiritual gifts stand in building God’s Kingdom? If you are a follower of Christ, where is your heart in prayer? How are you applying the Word you read? Has your spiritual growth stalled?

Do not be complacent. The Bible warns that the time to prepare is now because life is short and uncertain. We will all stand before God’s

judgment seat to give an account of how we lived (Hebrews 9:27, 2 Corinthians 5:10).

Therefore, this moment calls for deep self-examination and repentance (2 Corinthians 13:5). Earth is a temporary home, and we do not know the hour of our departure or Christ's return (Matthew 24:36).

If you have not prepared yourself well spiritually, entry into heaven will be impossible (Matthew 7:21-23). The Lord wants us to live fruitful, faithful lives so that we may hear His commendation: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

May the Lord empower us to walk in His will, grow in faith, and prepare our legacy both for eternity and for those who come after us.

Shalom.

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