

Set Your **House** in Order

Isa 38:1-2

In those days

*(701BC Near
Assyrian Invasion)*

**Hezekiah became
*mortally ill.***



And Isaiah the prophet ...came to him and said to him, "Thus says the Lord, "*Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.*"

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*'Live like you
were dying.'*

— *Tim McGraw* —

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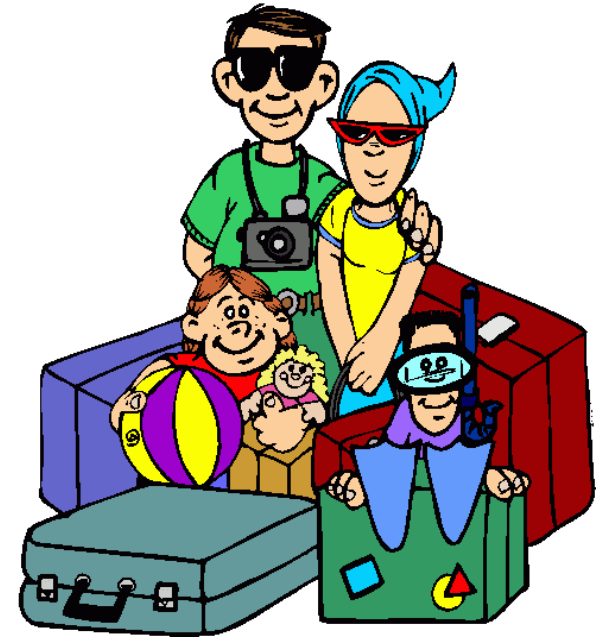
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(Heb 9:27) *It's **Appointed** for man to die once.*
(Ps 139:16) *All the days ordained for me written
in **Your book** before one of them came to be.*



Ps 90:10 *Days of a man's life is 70, or **80 if strong**
Hezekiah faced death at 39 & life ended at 54.**

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There's a 100 things to plan for Your vacation.

What bring? What leave? When to leave? What to arrange?

And for college? And career? And for children?

For a move? For retirement?

And for End of Your Life?

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Step 1 – Begin with wise Planning

Luke 2:52 “And Jesus kept increasing in **WISDOM..**”



Will: 55% of Americans **die without one.**

Some do their own online. Some get an attorney.

Term Life insurance: **For young families** (1 Tim 5:8)

Community property agreement: **Spouse gets it all,**

Provided their deaths are not simultaneous.

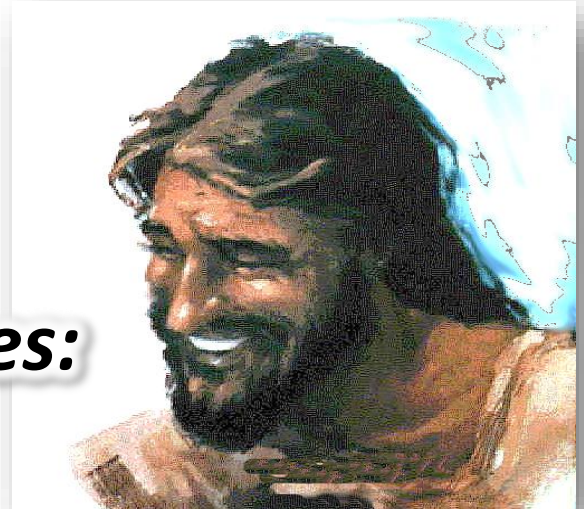
Living Will: **If in irreversible coma or vegetative state**

You clarify wishes re: life support, DNR, food, water.

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Step 2 – Next consider *physical* things

Luke 2:52b “Grew
in **STATURE**” *physical*



- **Write out & DISCUSS your wishes:**
Organ donor? Cremation?
Viewing? Grave Burial?
Abram bot grave sites (Gen 23:16-19)
- **Memorial?** Church bldg, Rented bldg, gravesite?
- **Music?** Songs? All congregational? Recorded?
- **Other?** Preacher? Slide Show? Reception?

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Step 3 – What about *Spiritual* things?

***Luke 2:52c “Grew
in **Favor with God.**”***

- ***Are you 100% SURE of your salvation? (2 Pet 1:10-11)***
- ***Is there something Major you need to change? (2 Pet 1:5-8)***
- ***(Eccles 12:14) God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.***



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Step 4 – Mend your **Social** relationships

***Luke 2:52d “Grew
in **Favor with Men.**”***



- ***Love deeper.*** (John 13:34)
- ***Speak sweeter.*** (Col 4:6)
- ***Grant forgiveness you've been denyin'.*** (Mt 6:12f)
- ***Be a friend a friend would like to have*** (Prv 17:17)
- ***See family as your greatest ministry.*** (Eph 6:4)
- ***Be positive in all of Life.*** (Eccles 2:24; Rom 8:28)
- ***Show courage at the end of Life.*** (2 Tim 4:6-8)

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