

Navigating the Economic Storm



Economic Trials



- Environmental Causes
- Personal Causes
- Physical Preparation
- **Spiritual Preparation**

Environmental Causes

A person is shown from behind, holding a large black umbrella. The background is a dark, stormy sky with several bright, jagged lightning bolts striking down. The overall mood is one of protection and resilience against environmental threats.

- War
- Pestilence/Pandemic
- Systemic Cyclical Imbalances
- Unhealthy business environments
- Hostile business environments (Rent Seeking)

Personal Causes

- Sickness / Injury
- Catastrophe
- Lack of Wisdom in navigating economic realities
- Financial Mistakes
- Lack of Frugality
- Addictions

Lack of Resources

Poor Use of Resources

Physical Preparation

A dark, moody background featuring a silhouette of a person holding an umbrella, standing in the rain. The scene is illuminated by several bright, jagged lightning bolts striking down from a dark, stormy sky. The overall tone is somber and emphasizes the theme of physical preparation for adversity.

- Seek Wisdom.
- Diligently labor
- Be Frugal

Seek Wisdom

Pro 8:14–19 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength. (15) By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice. (16) By me princes rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth. (17) I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me. (18) Riches and honor are with me, Enduring riches and righteousness. (19) My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, And my revenue than choice silver.

Diligently Labor

The background of the slide features a dark, stormy sky with several bright, jagged lightning bolts striking down. In the center, there is a dark silhouette of a person wearing a wide-brimmed hat and working in a field, possibly using a tool like a hoe or a shovel. The overall mood is one of intense, diligent labor.

Pro 10:4–5 He who has a slack hand becomes poor,
But the hand of the diligent makes rich. (5) He who
gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in
harvest is a son who causes shame.

Pro 12:24 The hand of the diligent will rule, But the
lazy man will be put to forced labor.

Be Frugal

The background of the slide features a dark, stormy sky with several bright, jagged lightning bolts striking down. In the center, there is a dark silhouette of a person standing and holding a large umbrella over their head, suggesting protection from the elements. The overall mood is dramatic and somewhat ominous.

- Wisdom to understand feasibility/sustainability
- The capacity to use self-control to contain or eliminate carnal passions.
- Instant Gratification vs Delayed Gratification

Be Frugal

A silhouette of a person holding an umbrella against a dark, stormy background with lightning bolts.

Luke 14:28–30 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— (29) lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, (30) saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

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Gal 5:22–24 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (24) And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Spiritual Preparation – Seek God



Deu 8:11–18 "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today,... ...(18) "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Spiritual Preparation – Seek God

Mat 6:26–34 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? (27) Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? (28) "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; (29) and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these...

Spiritual Preparation – Seek God

Mat 6:26–34 ... (30) Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? (31) "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' (32) For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things...

Spiritual Preparation – Seek God

The background is a dark, moody scene with a lightning bolt striking down on the right side. In the center, there is a silhouette of a graduation cap (mortarboard) on a stand. The overall tone is dramatic and spiritual.

Mat 6:26–34 ... (33) **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.** (34) Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Spiritual Preparation – Trust God

Psa 1:1–3 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; (2) But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. (3) **He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.**

Spiritual Preparation – Trust God

Jer 17:5–8 Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD. (6) For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited..."

Spiritual Preparation – Trust God

Jer 17:5–8 ... (7) **"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD.** (8) For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

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