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FIRST OF SIX PREPARATION STEPS

1. Understanding Your Eternal Destiny—moves you from a temporal perspective to an eternal perspective.

*Hebrews 9:27 - 28—And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*

1. What do we do once? We die once.
2. What happens after that? We are judged. Our lives are critiqued.
3. What three areas are we judged for? We are judged for:
4. Our mouth (words):

*Matthew 12:35 – 36—A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasures brings forth evil things. 36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.*

1. Our Motives (thoughts):

*1st Corinthians 4:5—Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.*

1. Our Mannerisms (deeds/behavior):

*1st Corinthians 3:11 – 15—11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one’s work will become clear, for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.*

*15 If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, so as through fire. 16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*

1. John 3:3, 7—Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’
2. In order to understand your eternal destiny, what has to happen first? What is the born-again process?

*Ephesians 1:13 – 14—In Him you also* ***trusted****, after you* ***heard*** *the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also, having* ***believed****, you were* ***sealed*** *with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

1. What four attributes take place?
2. You trusted
3. After you heard—the word of truth and the gospel of your salvation
4. You believed
5. You were sealed
6. What is the first thing you desire after salvation?

*1 Peter 2:1 – 2—Therefore laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,*