
Understanding Complacency

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host, store, shore
-noun, plural -cies

1. feeling of quiet pleasure or security, often while unaware of some potential danger, defect, or the like; self-satisfaction or smug satisfaction with an existing situation, condition, etc.

2. *Archaic*.

- a. friendly civility; inclination to please; complaisance.
- b. a civil act.

I used to not understand how people could not heed the warnings when inclement weather was headed their way...now that I've lived in DC for a year, it actually makes a lot more sense.

Since moving to DC, I have lived "through" a Derecho, Hurricane Sandy and the "Snowquester." The Derecho didn't even knock out my power, Hurricane Sandy was nothing more than a thunderstorm similar to an Arizona monsoon storm and the "Snowquester" snowed just enough to turn to slush then melt within 24 hours.

While others were much more severely affected by these storms, the point is that they didn't pan out to be as bad as expected in other areas. For the Derecho, I had food on hand. For Hurricane Sandy, I stocked my house, my car and bought a battery powered weather radio. For the "Snowquester" I hunkered down with a friend so she wouldn't be by herself if she got snowed in...but I forgot all my preparedness "tools" at home.

And I know better.

Fortunately, this didn't cause me any problems. But, the point remains, it is so easy to understand the preparedness concepts but not put them in place, or to get lazy when enough threats come our way but never materialize. Similar to the story of the "Boy who cried wolf" we stop believing the threat after a while...especially if nothing ever happens.

But, here is what scripture warns us...

Proverbs 1:32 - For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them.

I Thessalonians 5:6 – So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled.

Luke 21:36 – Be always on watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.

Make sure you do not grow weary in doing good. Continue to prepare for whatever storms may come your way.

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