

Prepare Your Ways

GOAL OF STUDY

- Discuss how to choose study topics
- Learn how to begin a Bible study
- What is the importance of preparation?
- How can I prepare my ways?
- What is God trying to teach me through this study?

**"By FAILING to prepare, you are preparing to FAIL."
— Benjamin Franklin**

PREPARING FOR LIFE EVENTS

- New Baby
- Vacation
- Moving
- Planting a Garden

Compare preparing for upcoming *life* events to preparing for *spiritual* events.



PREPARING FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

Examples of possible spiritual events:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

REASONS WHY PREPARATION IS NECESSARY

- _____
- _____
- _____

HOW DID THESE MEN PREPARE?

- **Jacob:** _____

- **Jotham:** _____

- **David:** _____

- **Daniel:** _____

Preparation paves the way for breaking new ground. It helps you to be ready to seize opportunities as they appear.

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR WAYS BEFORE THE LORD

#1 – Evaluate Your Ways

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Studying to gain a greater understanding of the Bible and be changed by it.

Youth Bible Study

#2 – Take Out the Trash

#3 – Prepare Your Mind

#4 – Strengthen Your Memory

#5 – Prepare Your Heart

#6 – Prepare Your Body

#7 – Humble Thyself

#8 – Learn From Others

Other Ways

Someone who PREPARES HIS WAYS before God makes every decision with God in mind.

Are you PREPARING for a spiritual test, a task, or a spiritual calling?

Additional Study Suggestions

- **Book:** My Heart, Christ's Home
- **SS Lesson:** Idolatry
- **SS Lesson:** Uncontrolled Thought Life
- **SS Lesson:** Worship
- **SS Lesson:** Service
- **SS Lesson:** Addictions
- **Youth Lesson:** Whole-Life Stewardship

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