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Just last week I had to do a funeral for a women, sixty eight years old, who had been sick for five years and had done nothing in regards to planning to die. She received a monthly check, owned rental property, had two cars and six family members (four sons and two daughters) yet she had nothing in written form to even protect the house she owned and lived in.

She was a member of my church, sent her tithes and offering weekly but had no life insurance or will and also no money to bury her. I felt I let her down as her pastor because I assumed she had everything in order, earthly as well as spiritually. She had no money saved and stopped payments on her life insurance policy six years ago because of issues with her taxes. To make matters worse, she was always giving to her children as well as grandchildren. But, at her death, they all cried broke and could not even raise five hundred dollars toward her funeral expenses.

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subject the past several weeks, I, now as a pastor, talk about this head on in Bible class and during services. I now say, “Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people and it’s our responsibility to handle the earthly matters as well as the spiritual ones as well”. As Christians, God expects us to be responsible until the very end.

Didn’t have a question. Just wanted to share this experience with you and the readers.

Keep up the great work, Bishop.

Bishop:

Last month, after reading your columns on pre-planning, I did just that and afterward I felt so good. I’m forty-eight years old with three kids. I’m a single women yet make good money as a professional. I’m a flight attendant and travel all over the world. My monthly payments are under a hundred but its well worth it for my children. My life insurance policy will take care of my kids and all my arrangements as well *and I’ve made sure their father doesn’t get one red cent since he’s never done anything for them since they were born. I could be wrong but this really made me feel good that even after death and in the grave, “I’m still in control and have my say.”*

Bishop, I want to thank you for having a way or an anointment to help your readers realize that we have no choice when it comes to death, so face that fact head on and handle it.

Cleveland loves you, Bishop!

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