

Things to Consider for Country Living and Last Days

Get Out of Debt

A. Deny Yourself

a. Counsels on Stewardship, p. 256, 257, E. G. White, “You must see that one should not manage his affairs in a way that will incur debt... When a man sees that he is not successful, why does he not betake himself to prayer, or change his work? There are stormy times before us, and the Lord will accept all who can cooperate with Him. Practice self-denial and self-sacrifice. Consider every movement carefully and prayerfully. Walk softly before the Lord. We must preserve a devotedness to God, and make straight paths for our feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way.” “Be determined never to incur another debt. Deny yourself of a thousand things rather than run into debt. Avoid it as you would the smallpox. Make a solemn covenant with God that by His blessing you will pay your debts and then owe no man anything if you live on porridge and bread... Take care of the pennies, and the dollars will take care of themselves. It is the mites here and the mites there that are spent for this, that, and the other, that soon run up into dollars. Deny self at least while you are walled in with debts... Do not falter, be discouraged, or turn back. Deny your taste, deny the indulgence of appetite, save your pence and pay your debts. Work them off as fast as possible. When you can stand forth a free man again, owing no man anything, you will have achieved a great victory.”

B. Pray and Fast for Wisdom and Knowledge

a. James 1:5

b. Country Living, by E. G. White, pp. 24–28, “Guided by God’s Providences.”

c. Prov. 3:5, 6

d. Ps. 37:3–5

e. Desire of Ages, pp. 121 & 122. “Every earthly support cut off.”

f. Ps. 32:8 42 Don’t Be Trapped in the Cities!! Get Out Now!

g. Evangelism by E. G. White, pp. 61–65, “Moving Forward by Faith.” “Money will soon depreciate in value very suddenly...”

h. Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, p. 152 by E. G. White.

i. Sell your city home, to buy a country home

j. God gives you power to get wealth. Deut. 8:18

k. Review and Herald, 3-21-1878, p. 91—“Hoarded wealth will soon be worthless when the decree shall go forth that none shall buy or sell except they have the mark of beast, very much means will be of no avail.”

l. Can you afford a place and pay it off quickly?

m. Is this place out of the city limits?

What to Look For In a Place

A. Garden Site

- a. Country Living, by E. G. White, p. 9, “Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own provisions...”
- b. Country Living, by E. G. White, pp. 17, 18. “Get out of the cities as soon as possible, and purchase a little piece of land, where you can have a garden where your children can watch the flowers growing, and learn from them lessons of simplicity and purity.
- c. Country Living, p. 18, “Work in the garden and field will be an agreeable change from wearisome routine of abstract lessons, to which their young minds should never be confined.”
- d. Is your garden site:
 1. Good soil? To improve soil sow cover crop of clover, rye, vetch, peas, soybeans, other beans.
 2. Cleared for full sunshine—at least 6–8 hours of open sun.
 3. Is the site too high or too dry?
 4. Is it too low or too wet?
 5. Are there berries and fruit trees already growing on the site?
 6. Is there a southern slope to your garden?
- e. Have a compost pile and fertilizer, like grass clippings, leaves, and garbage.

B. Climate:

- a. Is the place too hot or too cold?
- b. Will it be a tolerable place when you can't buy or sell utilities to it?

C. Water

- a. Is there sweet well water, not too deep?
- b. Is there a surface stream or spring or pond or creek?
- c. Do you have water rights?
- d. Hand well pump and a rain barrel
- e. Need a lot of water for drinking, bathing, dishes, washing clothes, gardening, cooking, and cleaning jobs.

D. House

- a. Privacy
- b. Livable with minimal repairs
- c. Is the soil the kind you can have a septic?

- d. By a few S.D.A. friends?
- e. A few non-hostile neighbors in area?
 - 1. Check out what's in the area.
 - 2. What are neighbors like? Druggies? Drunks? Friendly?
- f. Check out easements
 - 1. Are there public roads or driveways crossing your property; will you have to maintain the road to your place?
 - 2. Are there large power lines or pipe lines?
- g. Have several acres away from neighbors. The more the better.

E. Wood

- a. Different uses for wood.
 - 1. Keeping warm
 - 2. Cooking with
 - 3. For shade
 - 4. For health: Ministry of Healing, p. 264, Things to Consider 43 by E. G. White, "There are life-giving properties in the balsam of the pine, in the fragrance of the cedar and the fir, and other trees also have properties that are health restoring."
- b. Different Types of Wood:
 - 1. Cedar 2. Pine 3. Fir 4. Red bud 5. Oak. 6. Maple 7. Hickory 8. Ash 9. Sycamore
- c. Have a good supply of woods to cut (several acres) for firewood

What to Put On Your Property

A. Fruit Trees (These take years to grow and produce)

- a. A variety of fruits grown in your area 1. Peach 2. Pear 3. Plum 4. Cherry 5. Apricot 6. Mulberry 7. Apple 8. Persimmon 9. Pawpaw 10. Prune 11. Lemon 12. Orange 13. Grapefruit

B. Berry Bushes (These grow faster, so plant first)

- a. A variety of berries 1. Boysenberry 2. Gooseberry 3. Strawberry 4. Blackberries 5. Raspberries 6. Elderberry 7. Blueberry 8. Autumn olives

C. Variety of Things for Your Area

- a. Nut trees 1. Walnut 2. Pecan 3. Almond 4. Coconut 5. Chestnuts b. Peanuts c. Grape vines d. Asparagus

D. Herb Garden

- a. Parsley b. Basil c. Sage d. Hops e. Catnip f. Rosemary g. Alfalfa h. Thyme i. Comfrey j. Dill k. Stevia l. Red clover m. Aloe Vera

E. Flowers

- a. Roses b. Daffodils c. Lilacs d. Tulips e. Iris f. Hydrangea g. Morning Glories h. Jonquils
- i. Forsythia j. Echinacea

F. Clothes Line and Clothes Pins

- a. Scrub board b. Wash tubs c. Buckets d. Soap/Clorox

G. Woodshed

- a. Keep firewood dry b. Use a tarp over wood c. Stack wood to let air flow through it

H. Outhouse

- a. At least 25 feet from the house
- b. Lime in outhouse and for garden (Can use ashes from woodstove)

I. Woodstove

- a. Stove pipe b. Elbows c. Cap over stove pipe outside d. Tools for wood stove fire
- 1. Poker 2. Shovel 3. Bucket for ashes 4. Cast iron kettle to heat water for bathing, dishes, and washing clothes

J. Cast Iron Pans

- a. Skillets and lids b. Pans and lids c. Cookie sheet d. Big cast iron pot (You can use on open fire outside — like a Dutch oven) e. Utensils

K. Root Cellar

- a. To store garden things b. To store fruit c. To put your canning jars in so they won't freeze

L. Greenhouse

- a. To grow things during winter months
- b. To start your seeds in for gardening and transfer to garden
- c. Small containers to start seeds in
- d. Trays on shelves made
- e. Hand sprinkler, bucket with spout
- f. Near to a water source

M. Candles or Kerosene Oil Lamps

- a. Wicks b. Matches or disposable cigarette lighters c. Kerosene d. Flashlights and batteries, extra ones

N. Canning Jars and Extra Lids and Rings for Jars

- a. Salt (for canning) b. Big kettle with lid (to can in)

O. Hand-Powered Mill for Grinding Flour or Meal

P. Seeds

a. For sprouting (like lentils, Alfalfa, red clover, corn, mung

1 one-quart canning jar, a cheesecloth or Things to Consider 45 screen, rubber band, and water to be able to sprout seeds. Use quart jar to soak seeds overnight covered with water. Then keep rinsed and moist every day until they sprout — usually one week, more or less.

b. For growing (standard seeds that reproduce themselves and grow good in your area)

c. Store in a cool, dry, dark place (Use bay leaves to keep the bugs out and also out of beans.)

d. Have at least a two-year supply

Q. Drying Foods Rack

a. Like apples, banana, tomatoes, etc.

(Use two screens, one on top of the other and place food to dry between the two screens and place out in the sun or hang over your woodstove in winter to dry it.)

R. Tools

a. Hand bow saw/crosscut saw to cut firewood b. Rakes c. Hoe d. Shovels e. Spade f. Pick or mattock g. Turning fork h. Wheelbarrow i. Wheel hoe and wheel push plow j. Pipe for irrigation and water hose k. Little hand rake and claw and scoop shovel l. Mauls—To split firewood m. Sledge hammer—to split firewood n. Hatchet o. Axe p. Hammer/ Level/Tape measure/Screwdriver/ Pliers/ Square q. Carpenter hand saw r. Assorted sizes—nails, nuts, bolts, screws s. Flashlight t. Sevin® Dust, 5% (safest insecticide) u. Ant spray, Decon®, wasp spray

S. Clothes

a. Winter clothes b. Coats warm and rain coat and neck scarves c. Sweaters d. Sweatshirts e. Gloves for work and warmth f. Stocking hats and bill hats g. Warm socks h. Jeans/practical coveralls i. Long underwear j. Warm boots, waterproof k. Warm blankets/sleeping bags/pillows l. Have extra clothes to share with others m. Extra bedding, towels, wash cloths, and toiletries n. Durable, practical shoes and boots o. Needle and thread and safety pins

T. Books

a. Bible (King James Version) (Learn your Bible and what you believe and the promises) b. Spirit of Prophecy Books c. Pens and paper d. How to Garden books e. Herb books: Back to Eden by Jethro Kloss; Natural Remedies Encyclopedia by Vance Ferrell; From the Shepherd's Purse by Max C. Barlow; Today's Herbal Health by Louise Tenny, M. H. f. You Can Survive by Jere Franklin g. From City to Country Living by Arthur White and E. A. Sutherland h. The Country Way by Lloyd E. Eighme i. Visit county agent in your area and get free gardening material to read and soil test done

U. Things to Have on Hand

a. Toiletries: 1. Toilet paper 2. Hand soap/dish soap, detergent, Clorox 3. Toothbrushes 4. Toothpaste 46 Don't Be Trapped in the Cities!! Get Out Now! 5. Razor blades 6. Shaving cream 7. Sanitary napkins 8. Shampoo

b. Have dried foods like beans, raisins, prunes, dates, apricots, dried herbs, sunflower seeds, and pumpkins seeds, flax seeds, sesame seeds, etc., and nuts.

c. Home canned foods

d. First aid kit: 1. Band-Aids®/sterile dressings, roll of gauze, cloth tape, scissors, knife, and tweezers 2. Alcohol 3. Peroxide 4. Mentholatum® Ointment 5. PRID® salve (to draw splinters out of fingers) 6. Ace® bandages—different sizes and safety pins 7. Activated charcoal powder 8. Variety of herbs 9. Cleansing wipes 10. First aid manual

V. Survival Kit

a. Compass b. Bandana c. First aid kit d. Rope e. Whistle f. Flashlight g. Concentrated food h. Knife i. Space blanket j. Large trash bag—one for each person k. Water bottle full of water l. Matches and lighter and flint, magnifying glass m. Candle n. Backpack o. Know how to build a fire p. Know how to build a shelter outside q. Bible (King James Version) r. Mirror s. Soap and towel and wash cloth t. Extra socks to keep feet dry u. Paper and pencil v. Sleeping bag w. Utensils/ice chest x. Toilet paper y. Map and survival book and identification of edible plants book (Know how to identify things you can eat off the land.)

z. Remember this if you get lost: S—Stay T—Think O—Observe P—Plan

Survival Priorities 1. Pray and Trust God 2. Shelter 3. Fire 4. Water 5. Rest 6. Food

W. Witnessing

a. Have books and materials to witness with

b. Give Bible studies in your area you move to

c. Have books and literature to pass out in your area

d. Know medical missionary work, how to help people

e. Learn to colporteur