

## The 7 Gs of Modern Survival (OK, it used to be 6 but I found another important one!)

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1. God - The first G represents spiritual salvation. Everyone needs to be spiritually prepared to face life. Without this, there really isn't much point. This truly must be number one. If its not WTSHTF, it will be! I cannot stress enough that you need to be in tune with The Creator. If the lines of communication are estranged to you, it could imperil your survival. A large portion of "survival" is attitude and mentality. Our Creator will provide what is needed. This has much less to do with "stuff" than it has to do with "inner peace". Talk to your Creator today, your future survival will depend on it.

2. Guts - The second G represents courage. You have to have the courage to get through this. #1 will give you what you need. A (wo)man that has #1 taken care of will naturally have #2 because at some point we've all asked for more courage. Nobody will force you to have courage. You have to want it and you have to ask for it. Courage is not accidental.

3. Guns - The third G represents security. Where there is no security, there is no peace. You must have security. #1 and #2 will get you most of the way there, but, guns are tools. If God gave you the Courage to realize whats going on and prepare then don't you think he'll want you to have good tools? Personally, I consider it a bit irresponsible to have less than three guns: a shotgun, a 22 rifle and a large bore handgun. One could expand this for more effectiveness and flexibility but it would be costly and requires training to take advantage of it. Personally, I've invested in guns and ammo as a trade item and a store of value. As the Federal Reserve (that is just as "federal" as Federal Express) destroys the dollar, guns will continue to hold their value.

4. Groceries - The forth G represents food and water. It is said that most US households have less than 1 week of food in the house and even under extreme rationing, 3 weeks. This is the 4th need. You have to have enough food to be independent of whatever disaster comes along. Depending on government emergency services is just unwise. While in the past, they may have been adequate, in this day and age with both dwindling finances and dwindling concern, dependence on them for your survival is nothing more than perilous. Jack Spirko of [The Survival Podcast](#) talks about SWYE/EWYS (Store What You Eat/Eat What You Store). Many radical "survivalists" will buy a ton of long term storables (MRE/Freeze Dried/Canned Dry Grains) but never stock up on standard food. This is where SWYE / EWY comes in. Oh, and do you think #1 just wants you to think of yourself?

A little sermon here: If a disaster happens, there are no stocked grocery stores, no power, no FEMA to take care of you. Yet, you have prepared. Maybe in a big way. One morning 3 days after TSHTF, a neighbor you hardly know comes over. He and his family are hungry. He begs for something, anything. You're basement is bulging with food, but he doesn't know it. WHAT A

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mean, if you ever said "Lord, let me be your light, your hands, your feet..." your prayer just got answered. Without the preparations, you don't have the clout or the leverage to do this.

Imagine inviting them over for supper later, having a long prayer thanking the Lord for wisdom and good neighbors. What kind of impression would that make?

5. Gasoline - The fifth G represents power and energy. You need a generator. Maybe you can run the stove or the furnace fan or something else, but, you'll need energy, even if its in small amounts. You'll be surprised how much use you can get out of a 500 watt inverter and a couple solar panels and a battery once TSHTF! If the gas stations aren't pumping, what will you do? You need enough to do what you need to do. Run a tractor. Run a Generator. Run an automobile.

6. Gold - The sixth G represents a lasting, unmanipulatable, store of value. I cannot stress enough that dollars are really worthless strips of paper that we all "agree" to trade for things of real value. Gold (and silver) are REAL money and real value. They are more universally agreed upon value. The government constantly manipulates the value of dollars but cannot manipulate the value of gold or silver easily or meaningfully over time. At the turn of the century, a 1oz gold coin would buy a new Colt 45 revolver. Guess what? It still will. Gold then was \$20 an oz. Gold now is \$1100 an ounce. A Colt revolver was \$20 then and is about \$1000 now. So what changed? The revolver didn't change. The gold didn't change. THE DOLLAR CHANGED! Storing dollars is like storing glasses of water. The substance that makes them worth anything evaporates over time. Gold and silver do not evaporate like dollars. Any purchase of those precious metals that you can afford is, truly, better than money in the banks. Way better! Banks go broke from lousy management. Even if you abuse your silver and gold and throw them in a hole, unprotected, in the ground. In ten years, they'll still be worth 90% of what they were when they were shiny and new!

7. Garden - It may not be a "planted" garden. Maybe you forage but whatever you do helps. One of the biggest problems is that humans in this world are so incredibly interdependent that when a wrench falls into the gears of society, people start starving. We need to know how to live off the land. For city people, this is nearly impossible, though, a few tomatoes growing in a flower box inside the window of your apartment will be worth far more than gold bars to you if you're starving. Every little bit helps. There is so much land in America that is wasted. Yards... Highway Medians and Rights-Of-Way... Unused stretches of land. There are edibles that, literally grow like weeds. But, since growing them and giving them away makes no profit, its wasted. Learn what you can forage and grow. Dabble in the garden. You don't have to grow 6,000 lbs of food this year but if you dabble you will learn. Learn to grow it. Learn to forage for it. Its important.