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A Weekly Devotional from the
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If I Should Die Before I Wake...

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Many of you are probably familiar with the oft memorized child's prayer...

"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take."

The possibility of dying before you wake is filled with implications? The main point however is, "Have you made preparation for such an eventuality?" Are you prepared to die? Is your eternity secure? Good questions, but not what I want you to focus upon at the moment.

I'd rather like to ask you if you've made preparation for the eventuality that you "wake up?" It's one thing to be ready to "die in Christ," it's another to be prepared to "live for Christ." What preparation have you made if you don't die before you wake? How have you planned and prepared to spend your time, talents, and energy in service to God?

Friends, I really don't think one can be fully prepared to "die in Christ" until one has prepared to "live in Christ."

If you should die before you wake,
I pray the Lord your soul to take.
But if you should wake before you die,
then what...?

Give it some thought.