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Subject: Cremation versus burial?

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Bear with me if we have discussed this before.

More and more you hear about people being cremated versus being buried. I read an article where one woman did not want her body laying in the cold ground, but wanted her ashes scattered around the flower bed.

Before I became a Christian I always thought of death as going to sleep and you would dissolve into nothingness, total darkness, and ceasing to exist as a person. The thought was always frightening and I would only dwell on it for seconds and then push it from my mind. To the unregenerate person death is the final reality everyone must deal with, no matter how they joke about it in public they still have to deal with it in their conscience when their alone and away from the crowd. They say there is no God, but there is "death" and that means a possibility there "Is a God". No matter what everyone may say publicly around their peers, they still have to deal with their conscience when their alone and this fact cannot be over emphasized.

The real reason cremation is being considered is because of "money". Most funerals start at 6000.+, cremation costs around a thousand dollars depending on how fancy a urn you buy. We do have a renegade funeral director up here that will do a no frills funeral for around 3000., he is disliked by all the funeral homes in the area.

While the thought of death is never pleasant, having your remains thrown to the wind does not sound that appealing. The other scenario is do we buy the fancy mahogany coffin with the hand carved cherubs versus the tin model that sounds like a soup can and is subject to rust and corrosion. Either way, our bodies will be going in the ground until the day the graves are opened.

While I don't believe its a lack of faith to prepare for this event, going out and picking a grave site is on the bottom of my to do list, let alone thinking about a funeral.

I don't know if I mentioned it here but a good while back I seen a picture of a boxer standing in the corner of a ring, with his gloves on, boxer shorts, and a pair of sun glasses. The thing you could not tell was that he was stuffed and mounted and quite dead. The family then went and took turns going up and standing by him so they could get their pictures taken. The article went on to tell of strange burial procedures. One man had a glass room and he was setting on his Harley and was mounted where people could go see him. What a waste of a good bike. Another man was buried in his Cadillac the article said; he had a lot of fond memories of his car and it was his baby. Who said you couldn't take it with you?

Anyway because of the high cost of funerals it has given people the idea that cremation is the

better option to take.

I have mixed emotions concerning this thinking, (concerning cremation versus burial), but to me the ultimate would be having the Lord coming and taking us out of here. Our bodies changed in the twinkling of an eye.

Gary