

# HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR FUNERAL?

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Moses E. Lard, a great gospel preacher of more than a generation ago, in his preaching told of the following pathetic event. He had a very dear friend who was a successful lawyer and withal an excellent man in every way in the estimation of the world, but he was not a Christian. He took sick and it soon became evident both to him and his friends that he would die in a little while. He sent for his close friend, Brother Lard, who was glad to respond and render the dying man any assistance he might be able to confer upon him. He made the visit and after usual salutations were exchanged the sick man made the following comments:

“Mr. Lard, I would not have you think that I have sent for you with any idea that you can do me any good in my dying hour, for such is not the case. I know that when I die I will go to perdition and there is no help for me.”

“Why,” said Bro. Lard, “don’t you think there is any hope for you?”

“Hope, Mr. Lard? Talk not to me about hope. For 25 years, I have understood the gospel and my duty under it as well as you do, and during this time I have refused to obey the Lord Jesus Christ. I have lived a life of disobedience and am dying in my sins and where Christ is, I cannot go. I am lost—eternally lost! I sent for you to preach my funeral, and I don’t want any sentimentalism about it. I want you to tell my friends and neighbors that while you are preaching my funeral, I am in Hades and suffering and inform them that I requested you to tell them this. I want you to use my case to warn others against the life of disobedience that I have lived, lest they die without hope as I am dying and go to hell as I am going to hell!

This introduces us to an honest man face to face with the fearful realities and everyone who reads ought to be warned against the fatal mistakes that he made. He who doesn’t want this kind of funeral can change it if he will—NOW!~