



## 9 Steps to Third World Living

**First**, take out the furniture: leave a few old blankets, a kitchen table, maybe a wooden chair.  
You've never had a bed, remember?

**Second**, throw out your clothes. Each person in the family may keep the oldest suit or dress, a shirt or blouse.  
The head of the family has the only pair of shoes.

**Third**, all kitchen appliances have vanished.  
Keep a box of matches, a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a handful of onions, a dish of dried beans.  
Rescue the moldy potatoes from the garbage can: those are tonight's meal.

**Fourth**, dismantle the bathroom, shut off the running water, take out the wiring and the lights and everything that runs by electricity.

**Fifth**, take away the house and move the family into the toolshed.

**Sixth**, no more postman, fireman, government services. The two-classroom school is three miles away, but only two of your seven children attend anyway, and they walk.

**Seventh**, throw out your bankbooks, stock certificates, pension plans, insurance policies.  
You now have a cash hoard of \$5.

**Eighth**, get out and start cultivating your three acres.  
Try hard to raise \$300 in cash crops because your landlord wants one third and your moneylender 10 percent.

**Ninth**, find some way for your children to bring in a little extra money so you have something to eat most days.  
But it won't be enough to keep bodies healthy—so lop off 25 to 30 years of life.