

The Truth About Debt and Spending

The Maker and His Manager - Part 2 of 4

“The rich rule over the poor and the borrower is the servant of the lender.”
Proverbs 22:7

“If you will diligently obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God... You will lend to many nations but you yourself won't have to take out a loan. The alien who lives among you will rise above you higher and higher, but you will sink lower and lower. He will lend to you, but you will not lend to him. He will be the head, but you will be the tail.”

Deut. 28:1-2,12, 43-44 (NIV/Msg)

SIX REASONS TO AVOID DEBT:

1. Debt is a waste of your money.

“It's stupid to try to get something for nothing, or run up huge bills you can never pay.”
Proverbs 17:18 (The Message)

2. Debt enslaves you to a creditor.

“The borrower becomes the lenders slave.” Proverbs 22:7

3. Debt obligates you to earning pressures.

“You plant much but harvest little...you earn wages but your income disappears, as though you were putting it into pockets filled with holes!”
Haggai 1:6 (Living Bible)

4. Debt undermines your giving opportunities.

“The next day he [the Good Samaritan] told them to take care of the man. ‘If his bill runs higher than that,’ he said, ‘I'll pay the difference the next time I am here.’” Luke 10:35 (Living Bible)

5. Debt threatens your Christian witness.

“Give everyone what you owe him...pay all your debts.”
Romans 13:7-8 (NIV/LB)

6. Debt unmasks your character flaws.

“People ruin their lives by their own stupidity, so why does God always get blamed?”
Proverbs 19:3 (The Message)

God: “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to Me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to Me; hear Me, that your soul may live.”

Isaiah 55:1-3