

We Are **NOT** Debtors

Romans 8:12-15 (New King James Version)

¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

Proverbs 22:7 (New King James Version)

⁷ The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower *is* servant to the lender.

Matthew 6:24 (New King James Version)

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Luke 16:11

“If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?”

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

I Timothy 6:6-10

⁶ Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

I Corinthians 16:2 (N.T. Giving is NOT an obligation)

² On the first *day* of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

GET CONTROL OF YOURSELF

1. GET THE FACTS.

Proverbs 27:23 - 24

23 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, And attend to your herds; 24 For riches are not forever, Nor does a crown endure to all generations.

How much do I own?
How much do I owe?
How much do I make?
How much do I spend?

2. GET OUT OF DEBT.

(Real Estate Debt should be your only unpaid obligation)

Psalm 37:21

21 The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

Don't be obsessed with getting more material things.

Hebrews 13:5

⁵ Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

3. GET PRIORITIZED.

Deuteronomy 14:23

²³ And you shall eat before the LORD your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.

The 70% Principle of Lasting Wealth

First 10% goes to	TITHE.
Second 10% goes to	SAVINGS DEBT.
Third 10% goes to	INVESTMENT.

Proverbs 21:5

5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.

Proverbs 13:11

¹¹ Wealth *gained* by dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase.

"Money that comes easily disappears quickly, but money that is gathered little by little will grow."

Malachi 3:10

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this, "Says the LORD of hosts, " If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

4. GET AUTOMATED.

Romans 7:17 - 20

¹⁷ But now, *it is* no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. ¹⁹ For the good that I will *to do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not *to do*, that I practice. ²⁰ Now if I do what I will not *to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

5. GET STARTED.

Psalm 37:5

5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

Galatians 6:9

⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

WHY SHOULD I DO THIS?

IT IS GOD'S PLAN FOR THE SUPPORT OF HIS CHURCH

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| 1. Jesus established His church | Matthew 16:18 |
| 2. The church had a divine founder and foundation | I Corinthians 3:11 |
| 3. It was given a divine mission and a divine message | Matthew 28:18-20,
Mark 16:15-16 |
| 4. The church has divine terms of admission | Acts 2:38 |
| 5. The church was given a divine pattern of government | Ephesians 4:11 |
| 6. THE CHURCH MUST HAVE A DIVINE PLAN OF SUPPORT | I Corinthians 16:1-2 |

A definite time	"upon the first day of the week"
A definite person	"let every one of you"
A definite proportion	"as God hath prospered"
A definite reason	"that there be no gathering when I come"

James 4:8

"Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you."