

NOTES

Breaking Out Of The Debt Trap



LIFE Night ~ Wednesday, September 24, 2003

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NLT) Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

HOW TO DIG YOURSELF OUT OF FINANCIAL DISASTER

1. CULTIVATE A SPIRIT OF _____.

Hebrews 13:5 (MSG) Don't be obsessed with getting more material things. Be relaxed with what you have. Since God assured us, "I'll never let you down, never walk off and leave you."

2 Corinthians 6:10 (LB) Our hearts ache, but at the same time we have the joy of the Lord. We are poor, but we give rich spiritual gifts to others. We own nothing, and yet we enjoy everything.

2. DON'T STOP _____ TO GOD!

Luke 6:38 (NLT) If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving—large or small—it will be used to measure what is given back to you.

Deuteronomy 14:23b (LB) The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.

Matthew 6:24 (MSG) You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both.

3. _____.

Proverbs 14:23 (GW) In hard work there is always something gained, but idle talk leads only to poverty.

Proverbs 28:19 (LB) Hard work brings prosperity; playing around brings poverty.

4. PUT SOME _____ IN YOUR LIFE.

POWER - LOAD =

Proverbs 22:7 (NLT) Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender.

Psalms 37:21 (CEV) An evil person borrows and never pays back; a good person is generous and never stops giving.

Proverbs 21:20 (LB) The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.

Proverbs 22:3 (LB) A prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them; the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.

THREE SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES ON INVESTING:

(a) _____ YOUR INVESTMENTS.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-2 (NCV) Invest what you have, because after a while you will get a return. Invest what you have in several different businesses, because you don't know what disasters might happen.

(b) MAINTAIN A _____ PERSPECTIVE.

Proverbs 13:11 (NCV) Money that comes easily disappears quickly, but money that is gathered little by little will grow.

(c) GET SOME _____ ADVICE.

Proverbs 11:14 (MSG) Without good direction, people lose their way; the more wise counsel you follow, the better your chances.

5. LEARN TO BE A GOOD _____.

Deuteronomy 8:18a (CEV) Remember that the Lord your God gives you the strength to make a living.

Romans 14:12 (CEV) And so, each of us must give an account to God for what we do.

Luke 12:48b (MSG) Great gifts mean great responsibilities; greater gifts, greater responsibilities!

1 Peter 4:10 (TEV) Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God.

What you are is God's gift to you; what you do with yourself is your gift to God. (Danish Proverb)

Matthew 6:20-21 (NCV) But store your treasures in heaven where they cannot be destroyed by moths or rust and where thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will be where your treasure is.

1 Corinthians 4:2 (KJV) Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

MY LIFE INVESTMENT GUIDE
What percentage is used for God's Kingdom?

0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
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MY TIME

0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
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MY TALENT

0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
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MY TREASURE

Put a circle on each line indicating your current status. Then put an "X" on each line indicating where you would like to be starting today.

WHAT WILL YOU LIVE THE REST OF YOUR LIFE FOR?