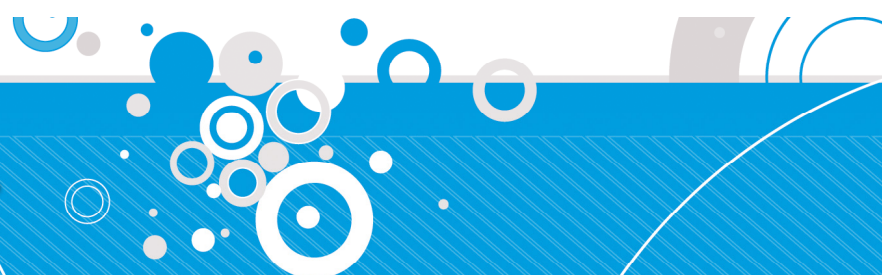


THE CHAINS OF DEBT



“The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.”—Proverbs 22:7 (NRSV)

What could the people of God do for the Kingdom of God if they were debt-free? That’s a question that makes a lot of Christians scratch their heads and start to dream. The truth is, most Americans are not debt-free. And it’s not just an adult problem; credit card companies are targeting teens more than any other group in the country right now. The Bible calls debt a form of slavery. If you want to be free to live and give like never before, you’ve got to stay away from debt in all its forms.

Discussion Questions:

Do you think that debt—credit cards, car loans, student loans, etc.—is a spiritual issue? In what way(s) could it affect your walk with the Lord?

What would you expect Scripture to say about debt? Do you think it is appropriate to discuss this at church? Why or why not?

What does it mean to be a “slave” to the lender?

In what ways does money and debt impact our personal relationships?

How does debt limit our ability to spend, save, and give?

How does a slave act? In what ways is that similar to the way our debt makes us behave?

What are we giving up or losing because of our slavery to debt?

How would it feel to live in freedom without debt?

Dream big: How different would your life look if you were never in debt?
