

Defeating the Demon of Debt

Introduction: *Brian Tracy, a well-known motivational speaker says, "We are being taught by everything around us to have dessert before dinner." As a society, we have forgotten how to delay pleasure. As a result, a recent survey by Consolidated Credit Services found that 71% of Americans say debts are making their home lives unhappy. "A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it." (Proverbs 22:3; 6:1-4) In order to defeat debt, WE MUST:*

I. _____ to Defeat Debt

Exodus 10:27; 12:28-31 (Pharoah's unwillingness)
Matthew 23:37; Luke 13:34; John 1:11; Matthew 13:58
II Corinthians 8:8-12; 9:7; I Peter 5:2 (importance of desire)
Psalm 51:12 (II Samuel 12); Philippians 2:13

II. _____ God's Advice

II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20&21
Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 7:24-27
Either Exodus 32:1-6 or Proverbs 3:5&6

III. _____ to Defeat Debt

John 4:34; Matthew 7:21; 12:50
Colossians 3:17; II Kings 18:21
Galatians 6:7; Proverbs 23:7; 19:18

IV. _____ a Plan

Proverbs 15:22; 20:18; 24:6; Luke 24:31

V. _____ and _____ the Plan

Philippians 2:13; Romans 8:37

Conclusion: Mark 10:46-52

Assignment!!!! *Write the balance of all your debt; house, car loans, credit cards, student loans, etc. and bring it with you. And, if you have credit cards you need to cut up, bring them with you.*