

Never Enough

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“When I was younger,” said a friend, “an older man tried to teach me some wisdom I should know about this life. He once asked me when a man was rich enough?” I replied, “When he has ten thousand dollars?”

“No,” was his answer.

“Twenty thousand?”

Again, “No.”

“A hundred thousand?”

“No.”

In an attempt to settle the discussion, I responded ‘one million dollars?’”

“No!” he again responded. “When he has a little more than he has, and that is never! If he acquires one thousand, he wishes to have two thousand, then five, then twenty, then fifty. If he grasped all the money in the whole world he would desire other world’s riches to possess.”

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Borrowing and Lending

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Many in the last three decades or more have developed a life-style of spending more than they can afford. Yes, I know that the economy is geared to people living off their credit, and yes, I know “everyone is doing it.” No, I do not think it is the bank’s fault for lending us money that we cannot afford to pay back. We are responsible for our decision to obtain a loan. We alone are responsible for our spending and paying back what we borrowed.



In many cases, it may be necessary to borrow money to purchase a “need.” However, there is such a thing as “responsible borrowing and lending.” Here are a few biblical principles that, if heeded, may keep many from the financial trouble that could easily happen to them if these principles are ignored:

The Bible does teach that it is acceptable to loan money and things. The good lender should show mercy and kindness to whom he has lent.

“A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.”
 Psalm 112:5

“He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.” Proverbs 19:17 Also: Psalm 112:5, Prov. 19:17, Luke 6:30, Mat. 5:42.

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The Delusion of Wealth

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There is a fable about a covetous man who claimed to find his way, one moonlit night, into a fairy’s palace. There he saw bars, apparently of solid gold, strewed everywhere. He was permitted to take away as many as he could carry. He carried his treasure home with much difficulty.

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✿ A godly person has a responsibility to pay back what he has borrowed. It is a wicked person that does not pay back a loan!

“The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.” Psalm 37:21

✿ When we give our word to pay back money we have borrowed, we have an obligation to pay it back. Breaking our word is lying. We are accountable for the promises we make! It is our testimony, especially if we are Christians, to do what we say we will do. *“These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,”*

Proverbs 6:16-17

Covenant breaking (promise breaking) is listed as a sin in

Having a “little” may not be such a bad thing!

“A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.”

Psalm 37:16

“Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.”

Prov. 15:16

“But godliness with contentment is great gain.”

I Timothy 6:6

Romans 1:31.

✿ When times are tough, and it does not seem possible to pay the bills, turn to God first, not the banks. He can, if it is truly a need, help you!

“Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.”

Psalms 37:24-25

“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”

Psalm 37:4

✿ When a person does not pay back what he borrows, he is keeping what does not belong to him. That is stealing!

✿ When you do borrow, you can lose some freedom. *“The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.” Proverbs 22:7*

✿ When you do borrow, do not get in a situation where your freedom is collateral for a debt. *“Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts.” Proverbs 22:26* (“Surety” can be one that is legally bound to pay off a debt. In some cases, if the debt is not paid, a person may be bound to pay off the debt by his being in slavery — in one form or another.)

✿ Some debt may be accumulated because of one’s coveting. Coveting is a sin

(Exodus 20:17). It is wicked in God’s eyes, because one may not be happy with what God has allowed him to have. A person may lust for what another has. That coveting may lead him to spend what he should not have spent. He may end up with payments that are more than he can afford. The financial hardship may be the consequences of his sin. It may be a reaping of what was sown.

✿ If we borrow something, and it is damaged or dies in our possession; it is the borrower’s responsibility to restore to the lender what was lent. The borrower needs to fix what was damaged.

“And if a man borrow ought of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof being not with it, he shall surely make it good.” Exodus 22:14

✿ If you are responsible for making a person poor, do not

“Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.”

Rev. 3:17-18

charge him interest!
“If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.” Exodus 22:25

✿ If you are trying to help a person who is having financial difficulties, do not make a profit on his hardship.

“And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee. Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee. Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase.”

Leviticus 25:35-37

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In the morning, when the sun rose, he found himself waking and still clutching his “treasure”, which he saw was only a bundle of sticks. All around him, invisible “people” laughed and scoffed at what he previously thought was valuable.

Such will be the confusion of many a person that died in this world worth much money. Awaking in the next life, they will find that their “treasures” on earth meant nothing in eternity. They will find themselves “... wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked” (Rev. 3:17).