

Biblical Principles of Planning

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Choose wisely, Commit to honor the Lord*

Quick Review of last week

1. Guard against coveteousness & foolishness!
2. Develop diligence & discipline!
3. Discern between needs & wants; between what is short term and long term!

4. D _____ or _____ debt!

Why deal with debt? (wisely, biblically)

1. To _____ the Lord with our substance (Prov 3:9)
2. To be _____ and not _____ (Prov 11:28, 24:3-10)
3. To be a responsible person of _____ (Ps 37:21)
4. To be a good _____ (II Thess 3:6-13, Ps 37:21)
5. To not be _____ (Prov 22:7, 6:1-4, I Cor 6:12, 9:27)
6. To be able to _____ cheerfully & bountifully (II Cor 9:6)
7. To better _____ for the _____ (Prov 21:20, 6:6-8)

What does the Bible Say? (Focus on the Family)

- It does _____ say...
 - It is a _____ (but it could be or could lead to)
 - It is _____ (never does it say debt is wise)
 - God will _____ you out
 - It is an exercise in _____ or trusting God
- It does say...
 - It is wrong not to _____ your _____
 - It is often a _____ thing to do
 - It often _____ or _____ other Biblical principles
 - It may cause _____

Next up – What is debt & how to deal with it?

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1. To honor the Lord with our substance (Prov 3:9)
2. To be wise and not foolish (Prov 11:28, 24:3-10)
3. To be a responsible person of integrity (Ps 37:21)
4. To be a good testimony (II Thess 3:6-13, Ps 37:21)
5. To not be enslaved (Prov 22:7, 6:1-4, I Cor 6:12, 9:27)
6. To be able to give cheerfully and bountifully (II Cor 9:6)
7. To better plan for the future (Prov 21:20, 6:6-8)

What does the Bible Say? (Focus on the Family)

- It does not say...
 - It is a sin (but it could be or could lead to... if rooted in coveteousness, pride, jealousy, greed, selfishness)
 - It is wise (never does it say debt is wise)
 - God will bail you out
 - It is an exercise in faith or trusting God
- It does say...
 - It is wrong not to pay your debts(foolish, wicked, dishonest)
 - It is often a foolish thing to do
 - It often affects or violates other Biblical principles
 - It may cause anxiety, discouragement, bad decisions, anger, bad attitude, selfishness, lack of blessings or reward, coveting, critical spirit

What is debt and how to deal with?