

# Money Matters

## The Excuse of Debt

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A man ought to work and support his family. This is correct in the Lord.

“But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel” (1 Timothy 5:8).

Some men may neglect their families because they must work extra hours to get the bills paid. They may wish that they could be free to enjoy their families, but they are bound in too much debt to afford the time. Perhaps we should take a real hard look at how we live. What are we spending our money on? Are we robbing Peter to pay Paul? Are there things or habits in our lives (e.g., booze, cable tv, cigarettes, gambling) that we put above our families? Will we consider giving up some unneedful things for the sake of our families and the glory of God?

Have we sold our families into slavery through debt?

“But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made” (Matthew 18:25).

“...the borrower is servant to the lender” (Proverbs 22:7).

We need to stop accruing unnecessary debt. We Christian men need to go without in certain areas and lower our standard of living in prudent frugality in order to get out of debt sooner.

“Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife” (Proverbs 17:1).

If we have unpaid debts (credit cards maxed out, borrowing and not repaying) the Lord is not pleased:

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

The godly husband must lead his family in all things being a good example. This includes being a good steward over finances.