

WHAT TO DO WITH MONEY (cont.)

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REVIEW:

THREE WAYS TO RIGHTEOUSLY ACQUIRE MONEY.

1. Work for it.
2. Pray for it.
3. Inherit it.

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1. PAY YOUR BILLS.

a. **First Timothy 5:8. Provide for your own family.**

- i. A Christian man who does NOT pay his own way is worse than an infidel.
 1. Don't get married if you can't support a wife.
 2. Don't have children if you can't afford it.
 - a. It is not anybody else's responsibility to take care of them, but yours.

b. **Psalm 37:21. Repay your debts.**

- i. It is a wicked thing to borrow money and not repay it.
 1. If the government has provided a way to make it legal to escape your obligations, that doesn't make it right.
 2. When you loan somebody some money and they neglect to repay YOU, it is easier to SEE that it's not right. (Step into the shoes of the lender).

c. **Proverbs 22:7. Be accountable to the lender.**

- i. If you borrow money, it is important to keep in mind that you are servant to the lender.
 1. If you forget that you're servant to the lender, you'll continue to ADD to your debt until it is unmanageable.
 - a. Take the example of the American deficit. That national debt is beyond recovery. **Psalm 9:17** says every nation that forgets God will be turned into hell.
 2. As soon as you have money to repay a loan (large or small), pay it back.
 - a. Don't take advantage of the lender and make them wait. Live within a tighter budget so you can return the loan quickly.

3. If you buy a house on credit, make CERTAIN that you will have no difficulty making the payments. It's not your house until the final payment is made.
 - a. Whatever you purchase on credit, only buy what you can truly afford. If you have a nice car, but your children are hungry, you are worse than an infidel.

d. Matthew 22:15-22. Pay your taxes.

- i. If you expect to enjoy the services that your nation provides, you'll have to pay taxes.
 1. If you don't pay taxes, you'll be taken to court where you will lose your testimony over money.
 - a. Christians should not be seen as lawbreakers.

e. Romans 13:1-7. Pay whatever is required by the governing body of your society.

- i. Don't get preoccupied with earthly battles to increase your comfort level.
 1. Remember that the most important thing you ought to do is tell people about **the Lord Jesus Christ**. You've only got a short amount of time on this earth to accomplish that. Don't waste any time on worldly causes.

2. SAVE FOR YOUR FAMILY.

a. Luke 19:22-23. Use legally established means of increasing your money.

- i. The Lord Jesus approved of financial establishments that reward you for depositing your money with them.
 1. He rebuked a man for not depositing his money and collecting interest.

b. 2 Corinthians 12:14. Parents ought to save money for their children.

c. Proverbs 13:22. A good man will leave an inheritance for his children.