## **Inspirations**

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## #784 / Owe no man anything!

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**Debt-Free... Can it be?** Christians worldwide are in agreement that we are living in some of the last days. Not to panic. Gross darkness covers the earth just as Isaiah 61 mentions, but, the glory of the Lord is brighter than ever and the Holy Spirit is pouring Himself out on all flesh, just as was promised! The Church is waking up. Souls are being won. Cities are being shaken for Christ. Believers need to get their own houses in order, their finances as well as their families.

Pastor/Evangelist Eric Gonyon, one of the ministers of The River Church at Tampa Bay (Tampa, Florida), has taught recently on the necessity of Christians to get out of debt God's way. He challenges the Church worldwide to begin today to clear their debts. Churches and ministries do not need to be in debt. Businesses do not need to be in debt. We are to owe NO man anything! (Romans 13) Is it possible? Absolutely. (I encourage you to go on to <a href="https://www.revival.com">www.revival.com</a> and download his notes and messages on the subject by clicking on to PAID IN FULL. If you do not have access to the Internet, perhaps someone will download and print the information for you.)



Paying the high rates of interest the banks and lending institutions are charging today is like paying an in house thief. The average interest rate is 14%. None of us have to live in debt. I know Ralph and I are going to make some changes... God's way. Jackie, one of our longtime www was widowed a year ago. She and her husband had adopted to young children from the foster care program. With Jeff's salary suddenly gone, all of Jackie's friends and family wondered how she was going to continue to work for full time, pay the day care costs for the children, and be able to keep financially afloat. Her church, by the way, though she and Jeff have been faithful in attending, tithing, and volunteering, never came alongside her even in practical ways. Praise the Lord for a couple in her community who love the Lord and have been a tremendous blessing to her. Still, the finances remained the

widow's sole responsibility. She testifies that she continued to tithe faithfully and every week somehow, God met her need. After a year, Ralph and I visited her and the children on one of our trips and the Lord gave us a prophetic word that supernatural provision was coming her way. It is a wild testimony and fun for her to tell, but, literally from no where God began to pour financial blessing on her to the point that she was able to retire and is now a stay at home mom! Faithful God. God cares about your finances and He wants us all debt FREE.

It is possible for God's people to be the loaners and not the borrowers for "the rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender" (Proverbs 22:7,8). Yipes. Interesting that this statement comes directly after the verse, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." It would seem that good stewardship is one of the key issues we need to be teaching our families! The verses right after 7 & 8 deal with generosity and giving to the poor--actions that bring blessing. Proverbs 22 is a timely chapter we should all be rereading.

Pastor Eric admitted that he and his wife got themselves into debt and God taught them how to become debt-free and to live within their income. (Something America needs to do!) One simple way to reveal how we spend our money is to keep a record for 30 days of all expenditures including buying a Starbucks or a pack of gum. Also, systematically tithe at least on the net of your income even if you are unemployment. Most of us buy things we do not NEED. If it is charged on a card OR spent when a bill could be paid instead, we are digging our own hole! Spend wisely! "In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has." Proverbs 21:20 NIV. Debt robs from the future to pay for the present? All Christians need to perform plastic surgery on them. The sooner that you stop the borrowing, the sooner you will be out of debt..." With Christ we can be FREE! SMc