

HOW TO A GOOD CHRISTIAN

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There are only three kinds of people in this world today:

The HAVES

The HAVE NOTS &

The HAVE _____ FOR WHAT THEY HAVE

All of us know the pain of having too much money, at the end of our money.

You know D.E.B.T:

Doing Everything But _____!



What is debt?

Debt is extending stewardship _____ the will of God.

Spending tomorrow's money _____.

Too many of us have not learned yet when your _____

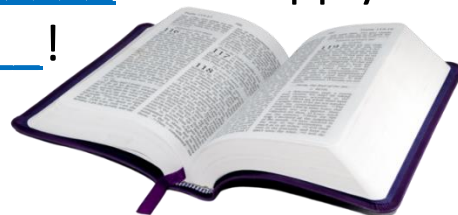
exceeds your _____, then your _____ will

become your _____.

Paradox of spending.

Remember the Bible says my _____ shall supply all your

needs _____ all your _____!



The school of the prophets was started by Samuel. The first one was at _____, I Samuel 19:19-20 & at _____, II Kings 4: 38. There seemed to be also one at an unspecified place, II Kings 6:1



Samuel knew the value of educating the people of God he knew:

You can't teach what you don't _____ and You can't teach where you won't _____.

The New Testament commands us in II Timothy 2:15 study... biblical law allowed for the seizure of wives and children for non- payment of debt.



Exodus 21:1-7, Amos 2:6, Isaiah 50:1

It was limited to _____ years. Leviticus 25:39-42 says, They were to be released in the year of _____ if it came before the seven years.

Josephus, the Jewish historian says this preacher was _____.

I Kings 18 says he was a God fearer.

That the creditor was Jehoram, son of Ahab because in that text it says he lent money to Obadiah to maintain the hidden prophets. I Kings 18:3-4

Did the prophet realize the ____ aspects of finances?

Earning

Saving

Sharing

Giving

Loaning

Trading

Investing

Borrowing

Spending

Leaving an _____

But this text is tailored to teach this timeless truth...
If you take care of God's business, He'll take care of your business.

How To be a G.O.O.D. Christian
Bible study outline:

THE SERIOUS PROBLEM vs. 1

THE SEARCHING PROBING vs. 2

THE STRANGE PLAN vs. 3-5

THE SUPERNATURAL PROVISION



We will study the principles from the passage.

Principles are _____ truths that are applicable in any and every generation to any and every believer.



HOW TO BE A G.O.O.D. CHRISTIAN

Get serious about getting out of debt.

Enlist the proper assistance.

EVALUATE YOUR CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS

Know what it'll take to eliminate your debt.

List your assets.

Do what God tells you to do.

Keep it personal.

Believe God will provide.

Use what God gave you for the purpose God supplied it.

Start investing and saving for the future.



Evaluate

I. GET SERIOUS ABOUT GETTING OUT OF DEBT

CRIED – ___ times IN OT-Literally to _____ cry out unto God for help. There are at least ___ different words in the Hebrew translated _____. Genesis 4:10

1. Give to God first - Prov 3:9-10

We've made Jesus **Lord of the leftovers**

2. Make a budget - Proverbs 16:9

3. You have to have _____ surgery Prov. 22:7

4. Go _____ and _____ -no cash no carry

5. Evaluate your purchases Proverbs 18:15

Ask yourself some questions:

Do I really _____ it-can I _____ without it?

Is it the _____ possible? Will it require costly



THINK
before you
Click

T = True?

H = Helpful?

I = Inspiring?

N = Necessary?

K = Kind?

_____ ? Will it depreciate quickly? Will it enhance
God's work through me or hinder it? Will it add to
my _____ relationships or take away from it?

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II. ENLIST THE PROPER ASSISTANCE

Her basis for going to the man of God was twofold:

1. Her husband was faithful to Yahweh God
2. Her husband had the fear of Yahweh God

Psalm 34:6-9, 15, 17, 19 - I John 3:20-22, I John 5:14-15
Yes Yahweh God will do some things for you even though
you're not living right but He does more things for you if
you are living right!

You can't be looking for manna from on high while at the
same time feeding on the _____ of man.

She's walking by faith--define faith - I tell people I'm
never broke, I'm only in between blessings.

III. EVALUATE YOUR CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS V 1b

Money speaks, I can't deny, I heard it once, it said _____
Some of us do not keep up with our financial status



Tithe 10% -
 Taxes 15%
 Childcare 10%
 Housing 38%
 Food 15% Otto 15%
 Insurance 5%
 Entertainment\ recreation 5%
 Clothing 5%
 Medical 5%
 Savings investment 5%
 Miscellaneous 4%



Americans have \$986 billion of _____ debt.

The average interest rate 23.9%.

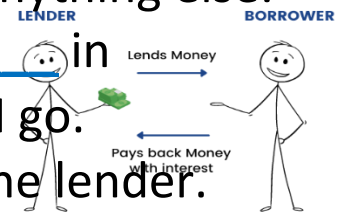
Last year Americans paid \$_____ billion in late fees and interest. The average family credit card debt is \$_____.

If you pay just the minimum payment with 18% interest it would take ___ years and ___ months to pay off the debt, and that's only if you don't use it for anything else.

At the end, you would have paid \$_____ in interest. Yes, I owe I owe so it's off to work I go.

Proverbs 22:7 - the borrower is servant to the lender.

The problem with many of us is that we judge our _____ - worth by our _____ worth.



Pastor Charlie started this series telling us what our main problem is, a lack of _____.

VERSE 11	<i>I can _____ all things</i>	<i>_____</i> <i>in my life</i>	<i>This gives me</i> <i>_____</i>
VERSE 13	<i>I can ___ all things</i>	<i>_____</i> <i>in my life</i>	<i>This gives me</i> <i>_____</i>
VERSE 18	<i>I _____ all things</i>	<i>_____</i> <i>in my life</i>	<i>This gives me</i> <i>_____</i>

Contentment is _____ verse 11

Contentment is _____

Contentment is _____

Contentment is _____ empowered



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She cried out

Enlist the proper assistance

Evaluate your current financial status

IV. KNOW WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO ELIMINATE YOUR DEBT 2a

The question is not designed to _____ Elijah, he already knows what he's going to do. Then why ask the question? The question is not designed for _____ but for _____.

It's designed to get her to think through her situation and know specifically what she needs.

Have you thought through your financial situation?

How much debt are we in?

What are the categories of debt?

How long would it take me to get out of debt?

Do I need to contact some creditors to make plans to lower some of these debts?

Am I going to need to file chapter 13 where I pay the debt but I'm released from the _____?

What areas can be trimmed or cut?

You plan the work then you work the plan.

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V. LIST YOUR ASSETS V 2b

What do you have in your house? Notice he understood the context is DEBT\ASSETS assessment



She's talking about olive oil

There are 5 purposes of olive oil

1. _____ meals
2. _____ medicinally Luke 10:34 Good Samaritan
3. Commerce - money Luke 16:6 100 measures of oil
4. _____
5. Combustion-fires



Why ask her that Elisha?

Hah - so she can work from where she is and with what she has.



Andrew brought a little boys happy meal lunch _____
barley loaves and _____ small fish

List your assets...

How do you know you have too much debt?

American Express calls it says please leave home without it...

You are formalizing a plan to rob the food pantry

You rob Peter and you rob Paul

Your baloney has no first name

Sally Struthers sends you food

Your condiments are packets from Mickey D's

That communion you go back for a second