

DEBT DECEPTION

Lies of Society

Normalizing debt and making it a requirement for living has been plaguing the economy for generations. Society tells us we need debt to survive: credit cards for daily spending, student loans to become successful, car notes to keep up appearances, and mortgages to build a home.

In order to meet the demands of living and working, many have

unknowingly adopted a lifestyle of borrowing, not realizing how it contradicts the freedom and stewardship God intends for His people. Debt is marketed as normal, even necessary, but that doesn't mean it's biblical.

This section will challenge the societal narrative and invite you to compare cultural norms with the truth of God's Word.

COVENANT BLESSINGS AND FINANCIAL

Throughout the Old Testament, obedience to God's commands brought blessings that included provision, fruitfulness, and freedom from dependency.

This covenant promise wasn't just about economics, it was about being free to live fully in God's purpose without being entangled by earthly obligations. Financial freedom meant more than wealth. It meant the ability to act, give, serve, and build without restriction.

Being the lender symbolized:

- Stability
- Generosity
- Influence
- Freedom to serve

What does this mean for you in modern life?



Step into Financial Obedience

Acknowledge that everything you have is God's.

Choose contentment over comparison.
Avoid debt where possible and make a plan to pay what you owe.

Be a Faithful Steward

Budget wisely.
Save for the future.
Give regularly and generously.

Move from Borrower to Lender

Eliminate unnecessary debt.
Build margin so you can give freely.
Use your resources to bless others and fund kingdom work.



Reflect & Respond

Debt (noun)

Something that is owed or due to another; an obligation, especially a sum of money owed to someone else.

Take a moment to pause and process what you've read. These questions are designed to help you uncover how society's view of debt may have shaped your mindset, and how God is inviting you into a new perspective.

1. After reading the definitions of debt, how does your current view of debt align with or differ from God's Word?
2. How does it feel to know that God desires for His people to be lenders and not borrowers? What emotions or thoughts does that stir in you?
3. Which of the scriptures in this section stands out most to you and why? How does it challenge or encourage your current mindset?
4. What specific steps can you take to begin aligning your finances with biblical wisdom, no matter your current financial state?
5. Are there habits or attitudes you need to surrender in order to walk in obedience and stewardship with your finances?