

Change Your Words, Change Your World
Shatter Debt's Shackles: Defy the Lender's Yoke!
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Proverbs 22:7-8 NLT “just as the rich rule the poor, so **the borrower is servant to the lender. Those who plant injustice will harvest disaster, and their reign of terror will come to an end”**

Nehemiah 5:3-5 Others said, “We have mortgaged our fields, vineyards, and homes to get food during the famine...We have had to borrow money on our fields and vineyards to pay our taxes... we must sell our children into slavery just to get enough money to live...for our fields and vineyards are already mortgaged to others.”

Biblical Principles on Debt:

Bondage:

The Bible uses the metaphor of slavery to describe the relationship between borrower and lender

Intergenerational Burden:

The national debt is seen as a burden on the future, with generations inheriting the financial problems of previous ones, Nehemiah 5:3-5

Wisdom and Stewardship:

The Bible emphasizes wise financial management and stewardship. A culture of constant discontentment and a desire for more rather than contentment is seen as a root of debt.

Repaying Debts: Believers are called to be diligent in paying their debts, a principle applied to government as well. The Apostle Paul urges, "Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due".

How It Applies to Government Debt:

Deuteronomy 15:5-6 **"You will receive this blessing if you are careful to obey all the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today.** The LORD your God will bless you as he has promised. You will lend money to many nations but will never need to borrow. You will rule many nations, but they will not rule over you."

Symptom of Larger Problems: Government debt is a symptom of excessive government growth and unsustainable spending, which reflects a departure from biblical principles of moderation and righteous stewardship.

Moral Responsibility: We must recognize government debt for what it is: as a moral issue, one that requires responsible stewardship and planning for the care and good will of our future generations.

Avoidance of Foreign Debt:

In ancient Israel, there was a strong directive to lend to other nations but not to borrow from them, to avoid being ruled by other countries. This reflects a desire for national independence and self-sufficiency.

"It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world." Thomas Jefferson