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BONDAGE

“And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God.”
Deuteronomy 28:1-2

The Lord will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail, and you shall only go up and not down, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, being careful to do them,
Deuteronomy 28:12-13

I. The **Bondage of Debt**

... and the borrower is the slave of the lender. Proverbs 22:7b

We will never get out of debt if we:

A. **Over-estimate** the importance of wealth.

There is gold and abundance of costly stones, but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel. Proverbs 20:15

B. Want **instant** gratification.

Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it. Proverbs 21:20

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C. **Waste** finances foolishly.

He who loves wisdom makes his father glad, but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth. Proverbs 29:3

Dumb Excuse for **Buying Things**

II. **Freedom** from **Bondage**

A. **Acknowledge** the bondage.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread . . .’”
Luke 15:17a

B. **Begin** a plan.

. . . but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.” Luke 15:17b-19

C. Commence **immediately**.

And he arose and came to his father . . . Luke 15:20a

1. Make a **covenant with God**.
2. Don't take on **more debt**.
3. Put God **first in your giving**.
4. Develop a **written plan**.
5. Set an **attainable goal**.
6. Adjust your **lifestyle**.
7. Begin to **systematically pay debt**.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11

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