

Message Notes

9. What does Deuteronomy 15 teach us regarding the tension between money and “doing ministry”? What should take precedence and why?

Recalculating Prayer

Lord,
Use me to demonstrate the power of generosity
Make me fearless in trusting you
Mold me daily to live this prayer

Personal Reflection

1. How much anxiety does a study on money and debt cause you? Why?
2. Has your spiritual walk suffered because of money?
3. What changes, based on this study, do you need to make? Does this study motivate you to make a plan for dealing with any debt or money issues you may have?

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Life Group Study Notes

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Study based on Deuteronomy 28:12-13

This Week's Message

In the second installment of our series we go back to the time that God was forming the nation of Israel. Before they even entered the Promised Land, God gave instructions on how they were to manage their resources. There are some surprising and timeless lessons that are applicable today.

In this message we look at the subject of debt. From early on, God gives lessons and warnings on how to handle it without becoming enslaved to it.

Study

1. What was the one thing you learned from last week's lesson?
2. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?
3. Why is credit so attractive? (Note: The question is not, "Is credit needed; but why is it *attractive*?)

4. Is there such a thing as good debt? How would you define it? Does the Bible give allowances for debt? (see Ex 22:25-27; Deut 15:1-11; 23:19-20).
5. Read Deuteronomy 28:12-13. What impact would these verses have on the nation of Israel's ability to be a "light" to the world around them?
6. Take time to discuss the nature of debt as a form of slavery? Look again at Proverbs 22:7. Also, how does this relate to last week's lesson that taught Matthew 6:24 as the key verse for understanding the role of money?
7. Read Deuteronomy 15:1-11. Why would God institute this kind of practice?
8. What "cycle" was presented in the message? Draw out the diagram and discuss its implications.

