

## Mid-Week Stewardship Thought

### Becoming Debt Free

Benjamin Franklin wrote, “Better to go to bed supperless, than wake up in debt.” What would he think today when debt has become a way of life? Because of our borrowing habits, we are in debt overload. Many live on the installment plan. Each year we spend tens of billions of dollars on excess interest payments, annual and late fees, and credit counseling. Scripture does not forbid us from borrowing money, but it does discourage it. “*The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender*” (Proverbs 22:7), wrote Solomon, the wise teacher. Use God’s warnings and rely on His strength to help us get out of and stay out of debt. Then we will be on our way toward financial freedom.

**Prayer:** Lord, I often am unwise in my use of the money You have given me. Grant me wisdom to become more disciplined in the use of my gifts. Help me to be content to live within my means. I thank You for Your forgiveness when I foolishly do the things that I do. Help me, rather, to give You honor and glory in all I do. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

**Blessings on your stewardship journey!**

