

On Debt

Check out the following and see where your thinking most aligns to, and if some adjustments need to be made in your perspectives.

Cultural Perspectives of Debt (From which the Christian's are not immune)	Biblical Perspectives of Debt (truth/reality check)
Debt is a fact of life and is used to achieve your goals more quickly	Debt is a form of bondage and using it can pull us away from Christ
Debt is a tool and should be used to create wealth (good debt, bad debt myth)	Debt adds considerable risk, most often doesn't bring prosperity, and isn't used by wealthy people nearly as much as we are led to believe
If I loan money to friends or family, I am helping them	Debt creates an obligation resulting in one party becoming servant to the other. Lending money to a friend or relative, will strain or destroy the relationship
By co-signing or being guarantor on a loan, I am helping a friend or relative	A 'pledge' binds you to another's debt. Be ready to repay the loan; the bank wants a co-signer because they don't expect the friend or relative to pay
If you pay off your credit card every month, you get the free use of someone else's money	60% of people don't pay off their credit cards each month
Credit card reward points enable you to receive heaps of free stuff	Studies show that using cash rather than a credit card reduces spending between 12% and 18%
Debt consolidation saves interest and you have one small payment	Debt consolidation is dangerous because you treat only the symptom, not the cause of the problem
Car payments are a way of life; you'll always have one	A car's value diminishes. The average millionaire drives reliable used cars
Leasing a car is what successful people do. Lease things that go down in value and take the tax advantage	A good calculator will confirm that a car lease is the most expensive way to operate a vehicle. Buy a good quality used car with cash