

The Truth About What You Have Accepted (Part 2)

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I. Five Questions For You To Think About

Question: What have you accepted about debt (Who are you a slave to and why?)

- Proverbs 22:7 (NIV): 7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.

1. Have you accepted that “the rich rule over the poor”

- Source: <https://www.debt.org/faqs/americans-in-debt/demographics/>

2. Have you accepted that the borrower is a slave to the lender?

3. Have you accepted that greed can cause you to be selfish? (See example below)

Example: Patrick Henry: “Give me liberty or give me death”



What did Patrick Henry do about slavery? (He owned 67 slaves)

(He opposed slavery, which he considered a "lamentable evil," but was **himself a slave owner**. He was conflicted enough to write, "I will not, I cannot justify [owning slaves]," but not conflicted enough to actually set anyone free.)

Note: Some sources say he owned 67 slaves at approximately \$500 a piece which equals \$33,500 in 1700. This would equate to about 2.5 million dollars in our dollars today.

4. Have you accepted the danger signs when managing wealth?

- We are in danger if we **don't have a skill** that **independently** makes money
- We are in danger if we are not **saving** routinely
- We are in trouble if we are using **credit cards** without paying out the balances weekly
- We are in trouble if we are not **preparing** for the future seasons (retirement and physical changes)
- We are in trouble if we think giving **OUR money** can solve all people problems

5. Have you accepted your personal wealth and advantage without guilt. (I Timothy 6:17)

- Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, **who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.**



Next Time: Questions People Ask Me About Money? Name a broke person in the Bible?

- A. It's hard to find anyone in scripture that disrespected money
- B. It's hard to find a broke person in scripture (Genesis 13:2,14:14)

Note in Genesis:

- Abraham had a strong love for God and an entrepreneurial passion to prosper
- Abraham had a big staff he trained full-time, 318 trained servants (**Gen. 14:14**)