



**Right Definitions For The Right Results, Part 2**  
**Redefining Cash and Debt**  
**(Why Christians Struggle with Both)**

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**I. Four Things To Consider Re-defining When Looking at Cash and Debt**  
**(Proverbs 22:7, 6:1-11)**

**1. Freedom (The Rich, the poor, the borrower)**

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

**2. Co-signing traps**

- Proverbs 6:1–11 (NIV): 6 My son, if you have **put up security** for your neighbor, if you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger, 2 you have been **trapped** by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth. 3 So do this, my son, to **free yourself**, since you have fallen into your neighbor's hands:

**3. Diligent exhaustion,**

- Go—to the point of **exhaustion**— and give your neighbor no **rest!** 4 Allow no **sleep** to your eyes, no slumber to your eyelids. 5 **Free yourself**, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler. 6 Go to the ant, you **sluggard**; consider its ways and be wise!

**4. Self-Motivation**

- 7 It has no commander, **no overseer** or ruler, 8 yet **it stores its provisions** in summer and **gathers its food** at harvest. 9 How long will you lie there, you **sluggard**? When will you get up from your sleep? 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest— 11 and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.

**Why Christians Struggle With Cash and Debt**

**1. Confusing Theology** (1 Timothy 6:9-10)

- 10 For the love of **money is a root of all kinds of evil**. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

**2. Naive Optimism:** Because I pray and have faith no weapon formed against my finances will prosper.

**3. No Financial plan or strategy (What are your annual savings goals and plans for this year?)**

**Priming Questions:**

**1. How do you balance the don't love money principle, and the sowing and reaping promises?**

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

**2. How can you motivate people to give? (A Pastor Question)**

**3. Should the church's main job be to motivate people to give? No, Ephesians 4:11-12**



**4. Why do churches talk about money so much (Malachi 3:15.....tithe frees a church to do and not talk**

**5. How much wealth is God ok with you having? (Genesis 1:28, "be fruitful, John 10:10.. "live abundantly)**

**Q/A Time**