STRAPPED

(2) Act Your Wage!

Proverbs 22:7... The RICH rule over the POOR and the BORROWER is a SERVANT to the LENDER.

Matthew 6:24...

No one can **SERVE Two Masters**. Either he'll **Hate** the **One** and **Love** the **Other**... or he'll be **Devoted** to the **One** and **Despise** the **Other**. You **CANNOT Serve both GOD and MONEY**.

A GODLY PERSPECTIVE ON MONEY...

YOU DON'T SERVE MONEY... YOU SERVE GOD!

MONEY WILL ALWAYS SERVE YOU... AS YOU SERVE GOD!

If you didn't have the money to buy something you wanted... you just weren't allowed to buy it!

~ GENERATIONAL PRETENDERS ~

They may have gotten the **STUFF**... but they've also got the **DEBT!**They don't really **OWN** the **STUFF**... they've become **STRAPPED!**

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Proverbs 13:7a...

One man... **PRETENDS** to be **RICH**, yet... he actually has **NOTHING**.

Three Groups of People in our Country today...

- 1. The **HAVES**...
- 2. The HAVE NOTS...
- 3. The HAVE NOT PAID FOR WHAT I GOTS!

Three Essential Values...

1. EMBRACING THE VALUE OF SELF-CONTROL!

Proverbs 25:28...
Like a city whose walls are broken through...
is a person who lacks SELF-CONTROL!

You show me the most **OUT OF CONTROL AREA** in your life... and I'll show you **THE AREA**... that **GOD DOESN'T HAVE CONTROL OF!**

EMBRACING THE VALUE OF SELF-CONTROL...
IS ACTUALLY FOUND IN LEARNING HOW TO SAY "NO!"

Three Essential Values...

2. EMBRACING THE VALUE OF SACRIFICE!

Hebrews 12:2...

Let us fix our eyes on **Jesus**... the **author** and **perfecter** of **our faith**... who for the **JOY** set before Him... **endured the Cross**.

SACRIFICE...

GIVING UP something you LOVE for something you LOVE EVEN MORE!

Credit Card Balance... \$14,517.00

Average Minimum Monthly Payment... \$217.93

Average Monthly Interest Rate... 18%

Total Amount Owed Just Paying Minimum Monthly Payment... \$104,606.40

Saved Amount... \$14,000.000

Invested Long Term/Return Percentage... 40 Years / 12%

Total Amount of Returned Investment... \$1,350,820.94

Saved Amount... \$14,000.000

(Plus) Additional Monthly Amount... \$217ish Invested Long Term/Return Percentage... 40 Years / 12% Total Amount of Returned Investment... \$3,597,615.75

Three Essential Values...

3. EMBRACING THE VALUE OF PLANNING!

Luke 14:28...

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and **estimate** the **cost** to see if you **have**... **ENOUGH MONEY TO COMPLETE IT?**

Proverbs 21:5 says...
The PLANS of the DILIGENT lead to... PROFIT
- as surely as HASTE leads to... POVERTY!

Baby Steps to Financial Planning...

FIRST STEP... EMERGENCY FUND (\$1000)
SECOND STEP... DEBT SNOWBALL

HOW TIRED OF BEING "STRAPPED" ARE YOU?

Just Imagine...

What your FINANCIAL LIVES might look like... if you just ACTED YOUR WAGE?