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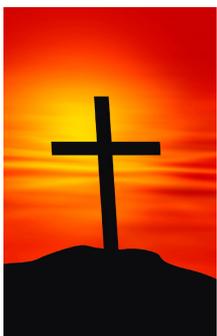
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This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 Jn 4:9, 11



Hi everyone and a special welcome new contributors and those who we met at Parachute Festival. We had a great time at Parachute this year. We had a great site and team and were able to speak with many people about God's financial principles. As an incentive to join our email newsletter list we offered a prize of an Ipod Docking Station. This went to Kay who said:

*Thank you so much. It is such a blessing, we have been wanting one of these. It is so wonderful to see God provide not only your needs but your 'wants' as well. ;-)*

So many of the older people we spoke with were still struggling to repay the last of their mortgage before retirement. They understood the tremendous cost and burden their mortgage had placed on their lives, constraining their freedom and giving. They quickly and easily accepted and supported our message.

The younger people we spoke with were usually completely unaware of the cost & burden of a bank mortgage and when we showed them the figures they were genuinely astonished and amazed.

And the married-with-kids people we spoke with tended to all say "If only we had heard of you sooner!"

This has given us a fresh vision to share our message around New Zealand. But what is the best method? We have been on TV, radio, and in print but we have always found the most effective method by far is through you. When you share your testimony with your friends and family about this community then the walls of doubt, suspicion and apathy fall down because our testimony is confirmed in you. Give us a call on 0800 542878 and we would love to send you a bundle of brochures and information to share.

## Comments from Contributors

"I am so privileged to be part of Liberty Trust and ever since I saw Liberty Trust in a Contact magazine I knew in my heart this was God's Channelling of Finance to help Christian people reduce the burden of borrowing worldly money and have provisions from His storehouse. I praise God for the decision of the High Court and believe when God has his plan nothing on earth or in the spiritual realm can change His decision." Richard Stewart, Tauranga

"Joshua, after reading the Money Book for Teens is diligently recording his financial position and managing his income and expenses. It is really neat to see him take ownership and responsibility for his money. He is now open to contributing some of his money from his paper run to Liberty Trust." Ross Peeters, Auckland



Kelvin (Chairman), Kerryanne (Secretary), Kathleen (Admin) & Ps Bruce (Patron) at Parachute Festival

## Pastor Bruce, Patron

In recognition of the 25 years Pastor Bruce McDonald has been supporting & promoting Liberty Trust from the pulpit, throughout New Zealand, and overseas we have elected to recognise him as Founding Patron of Liberty Trust. Thanks Bruce!

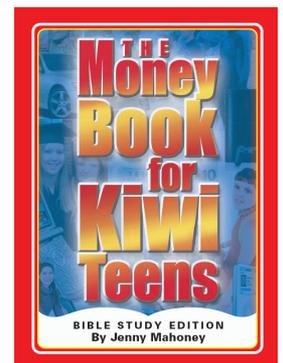
## Donations Receipts

Inland Revenue have advised today (30 March) they will not grant tax deductions on donations to Liberty Trust. We would appreciate your prayers as we consider our response. We will send you statements of your annual Liberty Trust contributions next month as usual.

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18

The Money Book for Kiwi Kids, and The Money Book for Kiwi Teens are available for \$15 each. We also have the books "The Church of the Next Generation", "God's Plan for your Money" and DVDs available free of charge. Please contact us on 0800 542 878 to order.





Did you know that SEVEN Major Financial Bible Principles are released when people sow into this corner of God's Storehouse?

### **1. Sowing and Reaping**

The world operates on a "pleasure now but pain later" basis while God's Kingdom operates on a "sowing and reaping" basis. Instead of seeking short-term gain with long term pain Liberty Trust encourages people to look ahead and put in the hard work first - to sow now and do good to others and later reap a multiple of what they sow in due season. As we give we receive, in order to give more. See Pr 10:4-5, Pr 11:25, Hos 8:7, Mt 13, Gal 6:7, Gal 6:9, 2 Cor 9:6.

### **2. Stewardship**

Everything we have belongs to God and He has entrusted it to us to make best use of it for His purposes. As Jesus said, we should consider the cost before committing to a building or expensive project. Instead of wasting hundreds of thousands of dollars on rent or mortgage interest we can do better with God's funds. By contributing to Liberty Trust you know you are making great use of what God has given you. And when you are debt free you can do so much more for God with your time and resources for God. We at Liberty Trust have also resolved to be good stewards of God's funds and instead of spending, we prefer to give and lend to help others.

You are welcome to view our audited financial accounts at [www.libertytrust.org.nz/accounts](http://www.libertytrust.org.nz/accounts).

See Dt 10:14, Job 41:11, Ps 24:1, Lk 12:14, Lk 12:42, Lk 14:28, Lk 16:11, 1 Pet. 4:10, Tit 1:7, Col 3:23.

### **3. Interest-free Lending among God's People**

The Bible has very strong words regarding charging interest on loans. God's people were encouraged to lend to one another but forbidden to charge interest or profit on the loans. Lending was to be charitable, to help those in need. Liberty Trust does not ever charge or receive interest from God's people but we have lent interest free to enable 300 households and churches to be all they can in God. Our vision is for interest free liberty for every New Zealand church and home.

Ex 22:25, Lv 25:36, Dt 15:7, Dt 23:19-20, Ps 15:5, Ps 112:5, Pr 28:8, Ez 18:8-17, Ez 22:12, Neh 5:7-10, Mt 5:42.

### **4. Freedom from Debt**

One of the major themes of the Bible is freedom from bondage. Proverbs tells us that the borrower is the servant, or slave, of the lender. Many New Zealanders spend their entire working lives in bondage to their landlord or bank lender. Liberty Trust has no debt and our mission is to free God's people from debt also. We want to see God's people free from debt so they have liberty to serve God as He would desire. Instead of a 20-30 year mortgage our usual mortgage term is just 7 years!

See Pr 22:7b, Lk 4:18, Mt 18:32, Rom 13:8, Gal. 5:1.

### **5. Borrowing from believers instead of "The World"**

Becoming indebted to non-believers was one of the curses that God promised His people if they were disobedient and broke His commands. You should consider carefully who you become indebted to. Many banks and lending institutions prey on and take advantage of the vulnerable. We have mercy on those in distress and we understand churches and the righteous. If interest rates increase, or times become tough can you trust your bank to put people before profits? Liberty Trust is completely independent of the world. We do not borrow and we have no investments, apart from our interest free lending for churches and houses for God's people. We have no debts or liabilities which may be called upon and we are not bound to the world. We have no fear of credit crises and financial collapse of investments or other lenders.

See Deut 15:8, Deut 28:2, 12-13, Deut 28:15, Deut 28:44, Ps 37:26, 2 Cor 6:14.

### **6. The Storehouse**

Liberty Trust is part of God's storehouse. Instead of spending or consuming our resources our funds are used and re-used again and again to help others. We started with nothing in 1989 but have built up a multi million dollar storehouse with which we lend, and re-lend to assist God's people. The funds that you contribute build a storehouse which goes on working and helping others over and over again for many generations.

See Deut 14:28-29, Prov 13:22a, Prov 21:20, Mal 3:10, Acts 4:32, Eph 4:12 1 Tim 5:4b.

### **7. God's Community – His Family**

God has made us into a family and asks us to work together and support and care for one another. By pooling our resources we can work together to help each other far better than we could if we each acted on our own. By helping one another we are all blessed financially and spiritually. Instead of just looking out for our own interests we should work together so we can assist those in financial difficulty, relieve financial burdens and advance the Kingdom of God.

See Pr 22:6, Pr 13:22, Tim 5:4, Jm 1:27, Rom 12:10, Gal 5:13, Gal 6:10, Phil 2:4, 1 Jn 3:1.

