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It is for  
**freedom**  
that Christ has  
set you free!

Gal 5:1

Every one of us will at some point have been introduced to some 'get rich quick scheme' or some proposition that will "see your situation change forever". They have an appeal in that we all have in us a longing for financial freedom and wealth creation.

Sometimes people lump 'Liberty Trust' into the category of schemes like that. And so people are sceptical, the prudent have their calculators out examining figures and the 'do-it-yourselfers' have already worked out they can do things themselves, provided they have strong motivation and 20 years of low interest rates.

I have come to the point now of just smiling as I listen and observe. Firstly and most importantly because I know that 'Liberty Trust' was never designed to be a 'get rich quick scheme'. If it were it is a flop!

Liberty Trust was not established to make anyone rich but to build a Biblical storehouse making many free – Free from the turmoil of world markets and interest rate changes; Free to help others and follow God's principles; and of course: Free from the burden of debt - not easily but steadily, and in the process of time, completely.

Ask 300 recipients of 'Liberty Trust' assistance whether what I am saying is reality. Ask anyone of them if they were made rich and I know that their answer will be "No". But now ask if their long term situation is improved, ask if they are more financially free as a result of embarking on the 'Liberty Trust' journey and I am convinced you will find it easy to find ones that will give a positive report. How wonderful that is.

I don't think I have ever written an article for 'Liberty Trust' when I have not said, "God wants to set people free", so let me not disappoint on this occasion. God loves freedom! He made us to be free and it is altogether His will that in every arena of our life that is experienced.

Amazingly Lenin, one of the Architects of modern communism said, "Man was made to be free but everywhere he is bound"!

Somehow Lenin understood something of this gift that God wants humans to have but in his passion to lead people to this freedom without God he and those with him designed the most oppressive, binding and futile form of philosophy and governance imaginable!

The presence of God in a situation is always evidenced by the creation and increase of freedom. Conversely the evidence of the devil in operation is restraint, bondage and a gradual loss of liberty.

Proverbs tells us that the, "the borrower is slave to the lender and the rich rule over the poor" (chapter 22: 7). How do the rich do that? Simply by lending to the poor at interest and letting the ensuing debt do its work. The world that we live in is stark testimony to the result -

## Welcome!

A big welcome to those who have recently joined us from Te Puke, Matamata, Warkworth, Rotorua, Auckland, Ohope, Albany, Tapanui, Lower Hutt, Ashburton, Henderson, Frasertown etc. and to all those who are receiving our newsletters for the first time. Welcome and God bless you.

We have not sent donation receipts for the year ended 31 March 2012 while we work through this issue with Inland Revenue. We appreciate your prayers and your patience.

We sent contribution statements to everyone in April so if you haven't received one yet please contact us.

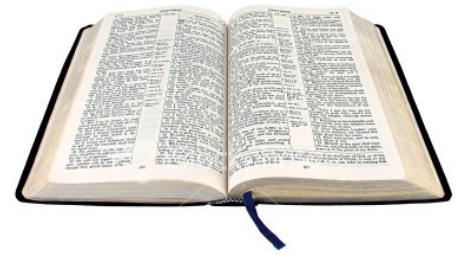
Our accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012 have been audited and are available on our website at [www.libertytrust.org.nz/accounts](http://www.libertytrust.org.nz/accounts).

Should you ever have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

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The world that we live in is stark testimony to the result - individuals almost all indebted to some degree, city and local councils rushing to join them as a matter of routine, businesses growing by assuming increased levels of debt and of course governments around the world wallowing in unsustainable levels of indebtedness and believing that the only way to solve the immediate crisis is to go looking for someone who will loan them more to avoid financial collapse, the disapproval of the world community and the loss of a 'good' lifestyle for their people.



Astonishing isn't it. And those engaged in the 'game' are considered by most as being the brains who will get us through...

The Bible stands quietly open with answers to each and every situation but all too often unread and unheeded. For example the obedience to just **one** instruction given by God could resolve most of the current crises. God told His people to hold a 'Jubilee' once every 50 years in which all debts were to be forgiven (Leviticus 25). A marvellous mechanism to recalibrate a society and to ensure that no generation was saddled with the indebtedness of the previous one and its unwise dealings.

Nations who had the courage to apply this principle would quickly have financial stability. I regularly ask myself why the U.S., the world's most powerful nation doesn't simply take a stand and say all aged debts are to be forgiven. All loans upon which a predetermined amount of interest had been paid are to accrue no further interest charges.

This great nation who has expended huge resources to fight terrorism could resolve problems across the globe if they would see greed and self-interest as an equally necessary foe to wage war against. But there is simply not the will. We are told that it is impossible to serve God and mammon...I encourage you to observe exhibit A. So while I know that a solution at a global level is altogether possible I have no confidence that it will be sought or pursued...there is just not the will.

But that must not be true of us; it need not be true of us. A lifestyle that is sustainable only by the use of increasing debt, even when it is serviceable, is a lifestyle of folly. I am not saying, nor have I ever said, that it is wrong to borrow at all. Borrowing to own a home or to begin a business is a time tested means to move forward and if well-structured and accompanied by the application of clear principles, can result in family stability and wealth acquisition.

But borrowing continuously to sustain a lifestyle inconsistent with our earning power and personal circumstances is a folly that will result in bondage and heart ache and sorrow.

Nobody plans to get themselves into a situation of deep financial indebtedness or crisis. That's the point isn't it, it doesn't take a plan to get into such a position but it does take good plans **not** to arrive at this point and equally to get out of it. In many cases it is a plan that will need the wisdom and insight of others. It is a plan that must be worked at and applied day after day for the long haul. But if followed it will result in financial freedom. I long for this for you and I know that God does also.

Make a decision today that your situation whatever it may be is going to change for the better. Plan how this is going to work out and then work the plan. Blessing will hunt you down as you do.

My prayers are with you.

God Bless,

Bruce McDonald



## God And Your Money

Give Him the first and the best - Proverbs 3:9 TM

To live by the principles of God's Word and be financially blessed, you must keep three things in mind:

First, remember that God owns everything. Your name may be on the account, but don't get any wrong ideas: '...all things come from You, and out of Your own [hand] we have given You' (1 Chronicles 29:14 AMP). The truth is, you're the executor of God's will. So when He tells you to give a certain amount don't say, 'I'll think about it and get back to You.' And don't try to bargain, for on the other end of every act of obedience there is a blessing waiting. 'If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land' (Isaiah 1:19).

Second, remember that God is your source. You don't have a thing He didn't give you: 'Every good gift... is from above, and comes down from the Father...' (James 1:17 NKJV). It's okay to enjoy your money, invest your money and share your money, as long as you trust only in '...the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy' (1 Timothy 6:17 KJV).

Third, remember that every spending decision is a spiritual decision. Your chequebook will reflect your priorities. So what does yours say? When it came to giving, the Macedonian Christians did it right: 'They gave not only what they could afford, but far more... their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do' (2 Cor 8:3-5 NLT). When you give God your heart, you'll have no trouble giving Him anything else.

Bob Gass, The Word for Today

