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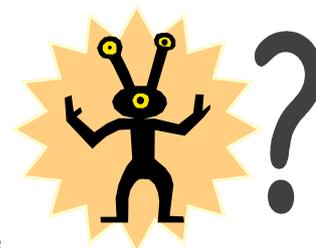
Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus. We are pleased to welcome 23 new members since our June newsletter, from Ashburton, Ranui, Palmerston North, Hamilton (6), Green Bay (2), Christchurch (3), Wellington (2), Whakatane (4), Porirua, Whangaparoa & Henderson.

We will be attending Auckland Promise Keepers on 10-11 October and selling our books for \$10 (normally \$15 incl. postage) so if you are there please come and say hello, bring your friends — we'd love to meet you.

Tax Regulations for Charitable Giving

1 April 2008 has seen the introduction of new tax rules for New Zealand donations to registered charitable organisations. Individual donors are now able to claim back 33 cents in every dollar donated to Liberty Trust, up to the total of their after-tax income.

Wacky! Crazy! Who'd believe it !?



When many people hear that the Liberty Trust concept came from God through an intercessor (who certainly didn't understand the mathematics), well, an immediate barrier goes up—definitely wacky, it would never work! We laugh at that, and thank God that He made foolish the wisdom of the world (1 Cor 1:20-30).

It's proven mathematics: If any group of people contribute any sum into a fund for 10 years they can all receive 5 times their total contribution as a 7-year interest free loan, and can be saved hundred of thousands of dollars of bank interest. The loan term can be extended up to 12 years by postponing taking the loan by up to 5 years, so the loan repayments can be less than interest-only at a bank! This is simply mathematics. It would work if just 6 people join each year or 60. If suddenly 60,000 joined the waiting time would increase up to 13 years for these new people, but would fall again as the capital grew. Incredible!

All this is mathematical fact that the world hasn't realised. If we recognise that God created both the physical and spiritual principles when He created the heavens and the earth then the Liberty Trust system has to be a "physical" principle. Liberty Trust's physical rewards are available for everyone.

But for Christians Liberty Trust is also surrounded by wonderful Spiritual Principles. Our last newsletter listed 7 of them:

1. The Principle of Stewardship eg. Mtt 25:14-30, Luke 16:11 —we are stewards of His provision.
2. Sowing and Reaping eg. Gal 6:9, 2 Cor 9:6.
3. God's Community – His Family eg. 1 Pet 4:10, Gal 6:10.
4. Freedom from Debt eg. Prov 22:7b, Gal 5:1.
5. Interest-free Lending among God's People eg. Deut. 23:19 – 20.
6. Eliminating the Need to Borrow from "The World" eg. Deut. 28:12 – 13, 2 Cor 6:14.
7. The Principle of Storehouse eg. Acts 4 v 32. Also Deut 14:28-29, Prov 21:20, Mal 3:10.

His master replied,
"Well done, good and
faithful servant!
You have been faithful
with a few things; I
will put you in charge
of many things.
Come and share your
master's happiness!"

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Mtt 25:21

God says “Why spend money on what is not bread and your labour on what does not satisfy?” Isaiah 55:2. Yet that is exactly what we each do when we borrow at interest. We want immediate gratification for our selfish materialism but God says “First sow into My storehouse, then you shall reap because I will throw open the flood gates of heaven and pour out such blessings that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops ... Then all the nations will call you blessed for yours will be a delightful land”, says the Lord Almighty (Mal 3:10-12).



Yes God’s principles work in the physical. But they work in the spiritual as well and that’s a huge bonus—not just for the individual but for the whole body of Christ.

So next time you share Liberty Trust with your friends and family, you don’t have to just talk about the mathematics and physical rewards. If you study the spiritual principles you can show how they also apply, as proof of God’s love and plan for them in John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life”.

Kelvin’s Comment

We had a call the other day from a Christian lady who is deeply in personal debt. Instead of going on the unemployment benefit between jobs she had resisted the “temptation”, believing that she shouldn’t accept welfare, and borrowed instead. That was many years ago.

Now with interest upon interest at very high rates she is in desperate financial trouble and is rightly seeking help from Christian circles. However she is now so deeply in debt that she has no hope of repaying any loan, even with no interest. Should Christians give her the tens of thousands she needs to repay the banks?

Christians often fail to understand the problem of becoming slave to the lender (Prov 22:7b), especially to a non-Christian lender (2 Cor 6:14-16). If the lady in this story had accepted temporary government assistance instead of entering into high interest debt her present situation would have been avoided. Alternatively her physical or church family could have provided short-term assistance. We are told to take care of our family (1 Tim 5:16) and lend without interest to brethren (Deut 15:7).

I suggested her best solution was to declare bankruptcy. She was shocked. The fact is, bankruptcy is entirely biblical. If you read Deuteronomy 15 or the Leviticus 25 teaching on the Year of Jubilee you will see that under the Mosaic Law God made a way for a creditor to have his debts forgiven. In the same way God has forgiven our sins through Christ’s atonement. I thank God that the NZ Government has included in its laws the Bible’s provision of mercy for those with insufficient income and forgiveness by one’s creditors for those who unable to repay.

Our difficulty in accepting God’s help from family or fellow believers or the government is due to our pride. Many would rather enter into high interest debt and keep their “independence” by becoming slave to the lender, believing “I’ll be alright”. God has provided mercy for the humble. We should also seek to assist one another as we are able, to the glory of God.

However, there should be no poor among you, for in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, He will richly bless you, if only you fully obey the Lord your God and are careful to follow all these commands I am giving you today. For the Lord your God will bless you as he has promised, and you will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. You will rule over many nations but none will rule over you.

If there is a poor man among your brothers ... do not be hardhearted or tight-fisted toward your poor brother. Rather be open handed and freely lend him whatever he needs. ... Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

Deut 15:4-10

Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. Mtt 5:42

