

GOT PEACE?

"The ~~Debt~~ Spending Crisis"

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"The budget should be balanced, the treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of the officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed lest **Rome** become bankrupt. People must again learn to work, instead of living on public assistance." —**Cicero 55 BC**

There are two kinds of people in the world: People who make interest and people who pay interest.

1. The Un-American Dream

Scenario 1

- *You can't have everything you want.*
- *You can't even have everything you can "afford."*
- *You can't even have everything that people who make the same amount of money as you have.*
- *You have to live on a budget.*
- *When the money runs out, you have to quit spending.*

Scenario 2

- *You can't have everything you want.*
- *You can't have everything you once could "afford."* That's the seed of entitlement—I've had it so long, I owe it to myself . . . or you owe it to me.
- *You have to live on a budget.*
- *When the money runs out, you have to quit spending.*

2. God on debt

Deuteronomy 28:12 (TNIV)

"The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will **lend** to many nations but will **borrow** from none."

Proverbs 22:7 (TNIV)

"The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is **slave** to the lender."

3. There's hope, but it won't be easy

Proverbs 25:28 (TNIV)

"Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks **self-control**."

**What could the people of God
do for the Kingdom of God
if they were debt free?**

2 Corinthians 8:7-13 (NLT)

"Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. Of course, I don't mean your giving should make life easy for others and hard for yourselves. I only mean that there should be some equality."