

D-LIFE BOOT CAMP

Training for a lifestyle
of discipleship.



Keeping it Real
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

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The 8th Commandment – "You Shall Not Steal"

Text: *Exodus 20:15*

Theme: Understanding God's view on property, prosperity, and integrity

I. The Command in Its Biblical Context

Exodus 20:15 (ESV): **"You shall not steal."**

This commandment, though only four Hebrew words (לֹא תִגְנוֹב), carries significant ethical and spiritual weight. Like the rest of the Ten Commandments, it forms part of God's moral law given to Israel at Mount Sinai to govern personal behavior and societal integrity.

Biblical Ethics of Borrowing, Lending & Debt

1. Introduction

Money is not evil in itself, but it is a _____ and a _____.

The Bible does not forbid borrowing, but it gives strong _____.

God's Word calls His people to handle money with _____, _____, and _____.

2. Borrowing

Proverbs 22:7 – "The _____ is slave to the _____."

Romans 13:8 – "Owe no one _____, except to _____ each other..."

Borrowing is not a _____, but it creates _____ and potential _____.

Borrow cautiously and only for _____, not _____.

Avoid _____—taking on debt assumes future income we do not control. _____ in repayment is a moral and spiritual responsibility.

Christians should borrow _____, _____, and with a clear plan for _____.

Borrowing for unnecessary _____ shows poor _____.

3. Lending

Exodus 22:25 – “If you lend money to any of my people... you shall not be like a _____ to him, and you shall not exact _____ from him.”

Luke 6:34–35 – Jesus commands _____, even to those who cannot _____.

Lending should not _____ but _____ others.

Israelites were forbidden from charging excessive _____ to fellow believers.

Lending is an opportunity for _____, not _____.

God blesses those who lend with _____.

Believers should lend with _____, _____, and willingness to _____ if repayment is impossible.

We should never use lending to _____ or _____ others.

4. The Question of Debt

Deuteronomy 15:1–2 – The year of _____ canceled _____, protecting the _____.

Matthew 6:12 – Jesus links forgiveness of _____ with the forgiveness of _____.

Colossians 2:14 – Christ has canceled the “_____ of _____” against us.

Debt is weighty because it symbolizes _____ and _____.

Long-term, unpaid, or exploitative debt is contrary to God's _____.

God values _____ for His people—financial and spiritual.

Forgiveness and release of debts point to the _____ of _____.

Avoid _____ slavery—live within your _____.

Strive to _____ what you owe faithfully.

Pursue _____ from debt as part of honoring God.

Remember: Christ has canceled our greatest debt—_____.

5. **Ethical Summary**

Borrowing – Exercise _____; repay _____.

Lending – Be _____, _____, and _____.

Debt – Avoid as a lifestyle; seek _____ and _____.

6. **Practical Takeaways**

Budget _____ – Live within your _____.

Borrow _____ – Only for _____, not _____.

Repay _____ – Integrity in money reflects integrity in _____.

Lend _____ – Help others without expecting to _____ from them.

Remember Christ's _____ – The gospel frees us from the heaviest _____.

Closing Reflection Worksheet

Instructions:

Take a few moments to quietly reflect and write your personal responses below. This worksheet is for you alone — you will not be asked to turn it in.

1. A Debt, Lending Situation, or Money Decision

Write down one area of borrowing, lending, or financial decision-making where you need God's wisdom:

2. Personal Reflection

What is God teaching you through today's study on Biblical Ethics of Borrowing, Lending, and Debt?

3. Prayer

Write a short prayer, asking God for wisdom, strength, or freedom in this area:

4. Next Steps

What is one step you can take this week to apply what you've learned?

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