

General Topics :: I'm selling my books.

I'm selling my books. - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/12/21 0:25

I'm not sure if this violates the community rules? If so, let me know and please delete this thread.

After much thought, and some provoking from a Christian financial counselor (Dave Ramsey) along with my dad, I am seeking to sell some of my many, many books that just are sitting in boxes. I'm simply trying to pay off debt, and hoping that many of these books which have blessed me may also be a blessing to others. I have many more books besides what is listed below, I simply have not got around to cataloging them. I'm selling most books for a pretty fair price should you be interested. I have about 30-40 books for sale right now, and plan to have dozens of more as time permits.

Check out my (mostly) Christian book inventory.

<http://www.amazon.com/shops/jimmy6871>

Re: I'm selling my books. - posted by repentcanada, on: 2008/12/21 5:04

jimmy i'll pay you \$10 to ship rick warren's book back to him and you demand your money back in full, plus shipping and handling.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/12/21 8:05

That's probably not a very charitable thing to do in the name of Jesus.

Re: - posted by bible1985, on: 2008/12/21 8:34

its all right jimmy, i am cool with this personally, we all have our debts. I have a good idea for you, give away all your books for free, i am serious. Cry out to God for financial help and trust him with all your heart until he answers. I know that it is hard, but you will learn to trust him, don't be like the world, give away freely and trust in the unseen. I know i am bias because i always give away my stuff free of charge, but i feel like God tells me to do so.

Re: - posted by bible1985, on: 2008/12/21 8:35

how much money do you need anyway, i am sure some of us christian brothers and sisters would be willing to help you if it is that bad and under the right circumstance.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/12/21 8:48

Well, I have thousands in credit card debt. If you are really wanting pay that off for me, and have millions of dollars so as to not be a financial burden to you, then you can e-mail me at jimmy.humphrey@gmail.com and we can arrange that.

However, the debt I'm attempting to pay off is not any sort of emergency debt that I need to pay off immediately to please angry creditors. I'm simply attempting to do what Dave Ramsey suggests, and that is build up an emergency fund of \$1,000. That way I can cut up my credit cards and not have to use them anymore for emergencies as I have in the past (i.e. repair on my Jeep, which has happened several times when I had zero dollars in my savings).

I'm currently in good standing with all my creditors, and have an excellent credit rating. I just have a long way to go paying them off. I'm pretty happy to do just that on my own. No need to send me money for that. Although, if for some reason the Lord is leading you to send me money, then I will not object :-)

The best way to help me out in doing what I want to do is to simply buy one of the higher dollar books I have for sale. I already sold one for about \$40.00 from Amazon. I have dozens more I can sell from anywhere between \$5 and \$40 I'm sure.

Once again, the Amazon.com store link for my books is:

<http://www.amazon.com/shops/jimmy6871>

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/12/21 9:04

Quote:
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:-)

Another alternative is to burn the book that are objectable. I have done this to books I later discovered where not what I t hought were sound. If they're objectable to me, they certainly should not be for others to read, either.

My opinion ...

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/12/21 9:14

Well, I just sold a parallel bible with the apocryphal/deuterocanonical books attached to it. Surely that is objectionable material. But at the same time, people study those books for a wide variety of reasons. I initially bought it to read various books so as to better understand the so-called intertestamental period. So, who knows why somebody may be buying a book or two with objectionable material. They may be buying it for scholarly studies/research paper purposes for all I know. Thus, no need to light a match to these books, IMO.

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Re: Giving....bible 1985, on: 2008/12/21 9:44

I have given my library away 3 times...all before or during overseas journeys. The last one, to China, India, Israel .I pruned down to just the Bible....my old one, and a backup. I had several newer Strong's type material, and rarer works by Tozer, McChesney, Sparks, etc. ..that I now miss, but I don't regret it. We cannot imagine how barren the third world is concerning extra-biblical Apostolic teaching and reference works. To the Asian or African disciple, they are as rare as diamonds, and also to younger American disciples who have not heard of these men and their Faith.

I was also motivated by idolatry, for I was proud, often, of my understanding and spirituality in possessing these books. It was good for me to dispossess them.

I do not agree with the merchandising of Christian literature, especially when I can afford them, and others may not, however, in themselves they are like any other commodity, I suppose.

I trust you are led of the Lord, and think it is wise to be debt free, 100%. Shred those cards and never, never get another.

On another note, these banks and companies have been hijacking honest cardholders doubling and tripling the daily compound interest. The FINE print, the Fine print! They made it legal to change the rules, and charge you whatever they want, plus FEES! If you pay the minimum payment, in most cases it will take you 15 to 30 YEARS to settle to zero.

I have marked the 4 sins of the Apocalypse....fornication, theft, murder, and sorcery.. in my Bible, and besides THE FT, I have written....THE BANKING SPIRIT. It is pure, unadulterated Theft, and legal too. I personally believe that George W. Bush owed the bankers..a big favor, and laws concerning banking, and bankruptcy that were inherited in American law for centuries were changed in favor of the banks. I felt betrayed, and grieved, as I now see so many in deep bondage. It is theft, and greedy, and because laws were passed, does not make it legal.

The Lord Himself put bankruptcy, or a jubilee of debt forgiveness in His Statutes, every 7 years..... Complete, mandatory absolution of all debt!...and every 50 for land return. I have counselled people to do the same, when the weight becomes life altering. It is not a sin, nor shameful, as the bankers would have you believe. Jesus has called us to freedom and Peace.

Grace on you, King Jimmy.

Re: - posted by bible1985, on: 2008/12/21 16:40

ginnyrose amen, i have done the same thing. Yah brother i am myself in financial debt, almost 6000 dollars in it, i just haven't been able to get out of it since my warehouse job that was paying me 20 dollars laid me off and is closing down, and i have a spine problem so the chances of me getting a good paying job other than with my mouth in management or something is slim, so i don't see me paying off my debt for a long time, i didn't go to school because of money reasons and the christian bible colleges are very expensive which to me is unfair. So i guess it would be unfair for me to get myself more in debt, but i really would help.

Re: - posted by bible1985, on: 2008/12/21 16:44

the early church fathers book i might be interested if i get a visa gift card for christmas, how was it?

Re: - posted by narrowpath, on: 2008/12/21 17:43

Guys, get out of debt with all your might and energy, all your will and all your zeal. A creditor is your master, you are not free to serve your master Jesus as you could to because there are 2 masters over you with conflicting interests. There may be various kinds of debts and reasons to be in debt, some more noble and others not so noble. Check if it is because you wanted something that you could not afford at that time and you were not in the will of God.

A mortgage on a house is different as long as there is enough equity.

I would go so far as to say that it is even questionable to give money for God's work before you are out of debt.

I say that not to condemn you but because I love you and there is so much more liberty and freedom to be enjoyed for you. You sleep so much sweeter. If you are in debt, you cannot live by faith or go to the mission field because you are hounded to both God and man to pay this one off first.

narrowpath

Re: , on: 2008/12/21 18:11

Quote:

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narrowpath

Getting out of debt is so crucial to the Kingdom of God and to your family. We thankfully have our cars paid for and still have the mortgage, refinanced at a great rate just the other day...God is merciful. Because I did some stupid things 5 years ago financially. Allow credit card to creep back in and got out of control.

I say sell what you can, anything you don't need. If KingJimmy's books will help him start the process of getting out of debt...cut him some slack! Maybe those books might be a blessing to someone else, am I sure God can use those books to minister or be a blessing in someone's life if need be.

It's funny sometimes on SI, many of us on here value our own inflated opinions, we don't mind showcasing them. I can think of other books I would like to burn...

I encourage anyone who has the desire to destroy debt...do whatever it takes. I set a goal to pay off the house within 15 years. If I just make one total payment a year on a thirty year mortgage, I would knock five years off the life of the loan.

Re: I'm selling my books. - posted by repentcanada, on: 2008/12/21 19:37

the warren book is good for nothing and potentially can bring someone down in faith. it ain't worth the \$10

Re: - posted by bible1985, on: 2008/12/21 19:53

so what exactly is wrong with the purpose driven life, I have read and found hard to take in the sacrifice as a Christian, like how he said that it is not about us but about God. I found that to be very good from what I remember, but I haven't read for almost 5 years now, but I thought it helped me.

Re: - posted by JoanM, on: 2008/12/21 20:01

FYI - Census worker: FT/PT, paid weekly, \$10 - \$22/hr. apply now/ work begins in February.
(www.census.gov/2010censusjobs ,) Link here., 1-866-861-2010

Consider educating yourself daily about the Word of God as it applies to stewardship of resources. Really. The archives on (<http://www.crown.org/>) crown.org are loaded with truth, testimony, and practical suggestions. This is the only Christian Broadcast that called for prayer, repentance, and biblical revival in August. Greed does not exist in some "wall street, bank, or pork-barreling legislature". It is in our heart. Practical ideas: six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. Before you lose your job, pick up a part-time job, reduce/eliminate your debt. As unemployment increases the jobs that are "beneath you" will be taken. Baggers at some grocery stores get reduced prices on food. If you ever spend a year without television and three cell phones, do it this year. If you can't live without them, consider it a fast. They could be a lot cheaper in a year or two. The archive on hyperinflation verses recession was an eye-opener to me and explained why my Moldavian neighbor wanted to buy one of my 50-gallon drums.

About "A mortgage on a house is different as long as there is enough equity": The major problem in the depression for individuals was that a man lost his job AND did not own his home. Who knows that the price paid for homes was recently ridiculously high? Who has seen the market correction in a reduction of their property tax? Loss of value effects equity. As the value of homes reduce many will find they owe more than their property is "worth." People still employed, without credit card debt, keeping up with things, are affected by this. Check your fine print. Banks can choose to cut their losses, call notes due and foreclose. Move close enough to your job to walk if need be. Take in a boarder from your fellowship (a family member) for one year to help them get out of debt. And if all this comes to nothing (yea right), you will be out of debt, more intimately involved with your family and have a much smaller appetite for the things of this world.

Sorry. I got carried away. The only thing that matters here is the job link and the radio link to informed and biblical information. Radio is free and so are their counselors.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/12/21 22:36

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No doubt, at a time in my life much of the acquisition of the books I had was out of idolatry. I liked the mere idea of having books, even if all they did was collect dust. Over the past 2 years my purchasing of books has almost vanished. From time to time I buy one. And if I buy it, I surely read it. When it comes to theological books though, I have worked out a deal with the local seminary that allows me to borrow up to 4 books a month for free. Granted, lately I have not been able to do such due to my schedule... and reading stuff other than theology/devotional literature. I've come to see that in reality, there is little reason to keep most books longer than it takes to read once. Thus, if you have a good local library, there is little reason to buy a book. Though, sometimes I still keep some books because I can justify keeping them for future study purposes.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/12/21 22:38

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If you get such a card, you may be interested in the book. The church fathers book is pretty good. It is nothing more than a collection of the writings of the first and second century church fathers. Ccel.org has everything within that book online for free.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/12/21 23:01

Guys, get out of debt with all your might and energy, all your will and all your zeal.

Indeed. Proverbs 6:1-11 has good counsel concerning this. It says if you have co-signed on something for somebody, and thus incur their debt due to their failure to repay, it says to "deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hunter's hand" (6:5). Dave Ramsey says we ought to have a "gazelle's intensity" about getting out of debt. Then the proverb goes on to talk about hard work, and how being a sluggard in such a time will surely lead to poverty.

A mortgage on a house is different as long as there is enough equity.

Interestingly enough, Dave Ramsey counsels against taking on debt for just about any reason save for taking out a 15 year fixed rate mortgage. So far as I've been exposed to his material, he never says why it is ok to purchase a house with debt, but not anything else. Though even in regard to that, he encourages people to buy a house in cash whenever possible.

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Such is not the first time I've heard this, though, it is a rare counsel. I know that in the journal of George Muller, he refused to accept donations from people in debt. Likewise, Zac Poonen counsels against believers giving anything while in debt. For such, he says, is failure to "render to Cesar the things that are Cesar's." Such seems like an improper application of that passage imo.

I believe that so long as it is within our means at the present time, we should regularly give towards the work of the Lord and helping those who are poor. Though I would like to give more than I am presently able due to my debts, I believe God has called me to support ministries and bless others according to my ability in my present situation.

I believe one of my gifts is the ability to give. I cannot imagine choking that gift and putting it on hold until I pay all my creditors off in full. Granted, my debt has limited my ability to give to some degree, but, I still have been able to give a significant portion of my income to the work of the Lord both local and abroad. Indeed, I did not discover my gift of giving until I was already well into debt. Though it is always tempting to stop giving and simply pay off my debts, I believe the little amount of money I make the Lord has given me so that I might give to others. Even if I were not presently giving any money out, it would still be several years before I could pay off my debts in full.

If you are in debt, you cannot live by faith or go to the mission field because you are honourbound to both God and man to pay this one off first.

Indeed. No doubt there is obligation that keeps me from fulfilling the call I believe God ultimately has on my life to be a church planter/missionary. But, I believe I personally still have some more spiritual growth to undergo before I undertake such a task. I don't believe the Lord is sending me just yet.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/12/21 23:13

I know the link keeps getting buried, so I thought I'd bump it up. In case you are interesting, I am selling a great number of the books I own through Amazon.com. I have a little over 30 books for sale right now, and will from time to time add more. I hope to rid myself of about 100+ books altogether. Perhaps more.

<http://www.amazon.com/shops/jimmy6871>

Re: - posted by narrowpath, on: 2008/12/22 11:15

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You are delaying your release and prolong your bondage.

Let me put it like this: Suppose I borrow a book from you and you ask me after a while to return it to you. I would say, sorry, I do not have it anymore, I gave it away for some noble causes; to someone whom you do not know. Would not you have the right to demand the book back from me irrespective of the fact that I gave it away for noble causes? Would not the noble course be irrelevant to the fact that you have given my property away? Only an owner has the right to give away, not a lender which you still are. A lender cannot act as an owner.

In the bible are several examples of unacceptable offerings, check for yourself.

If I had a godly ministry, I would not feel free to take money that was not in the rightful ownership of the giver, supposee

d I knew who gave it, of course.

Dear Kimmy, I have nothing against you, do not get offended by my rebuttal, my heart flows out to you. I know you have a deep desire to please God.

You can still give in other forms, such as in time or services rendered free of charge for those who need it. This would be a pleasing and fragrant offering, because it does not infringe on or delay your obligatory repayments to your creditors.

At the very least you should honor the repayment modalities you had agreed to when you went into debt to stop the snowball growing bigger.

Pray for a miracle that you can pay off your creditors very soon. Get 2 jobs or a better paying job so that can get free to serve your true master - as a real disciple.

narrowpath

Re: - posted by Mangan (), on: 2008/12/22 12:16

Are you out of your mind :-D ??? Do not sell your books!!!! Keep em!! There is no good market concerning books in general and Christian literature in particular... After viewing the Amazon I can only say keep those magnificent books...

I have a rule in life: Never sell or throw away a book... Remember the line from Sean Connery in "The Name of the Rose": "Don't save me, save the books!!! (when he and Christian Slater had discovered a secret library which unfortunately had caught fire)..

Sincerely
Magnus :-(

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/12/22 12:23

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You can still give in other forms, such as in time or services rendered free of charge for those who need it. This would be a pleasing and fragrant offering, because it does not infringe on or delay your obligatory repayments to your creditors.

I hear everything you say in brotherly love. I will prayerfully consider it.

Get 2 jobs or a better paying job so that can get free to serve your true master

I have 2 jobs presently, a full and part time one. Altogether I only make 35,000 per year. I have been actively seeking another full time job that pays more, and have been doing such for months now. But so far, nothing has opened up.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/12/22 12:26

Are you out of your mind ??? Do not sell your books!!!! Keep em!! There is no good market concerning books in general and Christian literature in particular... After viewing the Amazon I can only say keep those magnificent books...

Not selling my books is not an option. Besides, there is no practical reason to keep them around so that they can collect dust out of the slight chance I might use them again in the future.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/12/22 12:27

Hi,

I am locking this thread. I do appreciate that brothers and sisters dont try and sell things using the forums here on SI. thanks!