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While American consumers continue to worry about jobs and paying the bills, 7 in 10 Christian households reported in a recently published survey that they actively pay off their credit cards in full every month and nearly 8 of 10 Christian households said they continue to give ten percent or more of their income to local churches and ministries.

“It’s a sign that a growing number of people are learning to actively eliminate and avoid debt,” remarked Brian Kluth with Maximum Generosity, which conducted the second annual “View from the Pew” survey in cooperation with Christianity Today International. ...

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Re: Survey: 7 in 10 Christian Households Eliminating, Avoiding Debt - posted by enid, on: 2010/7/12 4:26

That is good news. Who wants to live in debt?

We have God to thank for freedom, in more ways than one.

Re: Survey: 7 in 10 Christian Households Eliminating, Avoiding Debt - posted by utilizer001 (), on: 2010/7/12 7:22

When I started standing for my marriage, and I returned to the Lord whom I had left, I started tithing again. I was suddenly left with a house payment that my one income could handle, but things would be tight. Then my workplace closed their doors and I was back to delivering pizza.

One of my pizza making co-workers was living with me, and despite the fact that we were both making minimum wage, God blessed us as we faithfully set out tithe aside for Him, off the top, each payday. The math doesn't really add up when I look back at it, but we were never had to be late on a bill, and we didn't go any further in debt than either of us already were.

When it was time for my co-worker to relocate to help out his grandmother, God blessed me greatly with a job that was actually a \$4/hr raise from the job I had lost.

Many times I have prayed, asking God if He wanted me to keep the house for when He restores my marriage, or if He wanted me to sell out and remove that debt. The only answer I ever got was that my bills continued to be paid, and that the debts I had accrued before Jess left, were slowly shrinking.

The new job has allowed me to get rid of all debt aside from the house, and I no longer use any credit cards, at all.

It is rather liberating to follow God's commands on finances. I'm not sure why I shared that. But maybe someone reading it will be encouraged to trust our good and gracious God.

Let Christ receive the honour for this, as no human hands helped out save my co-worker. And he had less to help out with than I had.

Jason Smith

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/7/12 10:35

To me this article spoke to me that God perhaps is giving his saints some wisdom for the hard times coming and is enabling them to prepare themselves.

Re: Survey: 7 in 10 Christian Households Eliminating, Avoiding Debt - posted by Nellie, on: 2010/7/12 11:10

We can never out give God.

He meets all our need, according to His riches in Glory, by Christ Jesus.

God Bless all.

Nellie