

EMERGENCY NOTICE!: "OWE NO MAN!"

—Part 2

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1. The Scripture is very clear on the subject!: "Owe no man anything, save (except) to love him", & "Provide all things honest toward them that are without" (outsiders)—Rom.12:17; 13:8. The only kind of borrowing we have ever condoned at all was a suggestion in a past Letter on "Deflation or Inflation" (No.327), in which we said that prices are not going to get any lower, they are going to go higher & higher as the inflation gets worse & worse, so buy now!

2. Therefore, if you're going to buy a vehicle or a TV or some appliance or accessory which is fairly expensive & beyond the range of your immediate cash, I suggested that it would be better for you to buy it on time payments, providing the down payment or initial payment is small enough that it's easily within your reach & the monthly payments are also small enough that you can be sure that you're able to faithfully meet them & not default on them!

3. Otherwise you're being literally dishonest & cheating your creditor & breaking your word & being a very poor testimony, ruining your credit & being a reproach & reflection on the Work of the Lord! Some have even asked if they should now borrow large sums of money to buy refuge property, even if they

have no capability of being able to pay it back: Since "The Crash is Here!", they think they won't have to pay it back!

4. This is a very dangerous thing to do, & very risky! Unless you are sure you have the ability now to handle the cash down payments & the time payments, the installments, I would certainly strongly advise against it & counsel you absolutely not to do it!

5. You could get yourself stuck with a heavy debt that's impossible for you to pay, & find yourself in a real mess & financial tangle that could cost you everything, & lose you not only the property but all of your possessions, as well as your good name & testimony—& possibly even lose your freedom & your happy Home!

6. It's wrong, dishonest & a sin to borrow money you know you can't pay back! It certainly is not love, not God's Love! So the old rule still applies: "Honesty is the best policy!" & "Owe no man anything save to love him!" "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, & loving favour rather than silver & gold!"—Pro.22:1.

7. We even heard that one person got a credit card & is running up huge bills for camping equipment that he's totally unable to pay for, because he thinks that all things are coming to an end immediately & he won't have to pay the bills! Let me tell you right now, with most credit cards you have to make sizeable monthly payments every month, & next month he is going to be in serious trouble if he doesn't have it!

8. Some countries will put you in jail for not paying your bills! It's cheating, lying, stealing, thievery, robbery, defrauding & very bad & very wicked to do such things & I'm totally against it!

9. So watch your step! I don't think you can yet get away with any foolhardy foolishness such as running up big bills that you can't pay! That's absolutely against the Scriptures, against God's Law of Love & against everything we ever taught you! Don't do it!—And God help you if you've already done it!—You are in trouble!

10. If you really need it, He's well able to supply it without your borrowing, stealing, cheating, defrauding or robbing others to get it! Pray for it, & if God doesn't supply, then it's not His Will! Ask the Lord, ask your family, your friends, your