STOP BEGGING AND BORROWING AND START BUILDING

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(Proverbs 22:7)

There is no shame in borrowing money. However, it is shameful to beg for it. God did not intend for you to borrow and beg for money. He has equipped you with the tools to **ATTRACT** money. Your intellect **ATTRACTS** money.

Your abilities ATTRACTS money. Your knowledge
ATTRACTS money. Your creativity ATTRACTS money.
Your favor ATTRACTS money. When you become
accustomed to buying what you want and begging for
what you need you will not understand how to get ahead
in life.

You cannot get ahead when you are borrowing. You cannot build anything when you are begging. Remember, you are the head and not the tail, above and not beneath.

Stop living beneath God's will and start living **IN** His will. Begging and borrowing is **NOT** God's plan. People become **SUBJECTED** to begging and borrowing because they are ignorant to God's divine plan.

YOU CANNOT BUILD IF YOU ARE ALWAYS BORROWING. YOU CANNOT GIVE IF YOU ARE ALWAYS BEGGING.

STOP BORROWING

Proverbs 22:7

Do you realize the more you borrow from someone the more you become their slave? Proverbs 22:7 says, "the borrower is **SLAVE** to the lender." When you become the borrower you relinquish your power to someone else. For example,

- When you borrow money from a finance company to pay for a car you are FORCED to comply with their terms. You become a slave to their system. When you are in debt to an institution your opinion does not matter because you are a slave. Slaves DO NOT have a voice.
- When you borrow money from an individual you temporarily become their slave. Debt enslaves you to the lender. When you owe a person money they become the priority. Making them a priority will make them powerful while making you powerless.

Slaves do not receive opportunities. Slaves are not respected. Slaves are not heard. Slaves are not treated fairly. **SLAVES ARE ABUSED** and **MISUSED**! Do not put yourself in this position. Start making steps toward getting out of debt. God does not want you to borrow. He wants you to **RULE**.

The **BEST** way to remove yourself from the bondage of financial slavery is to become **FINANCIALLY LITERATE**. Becoming financially literate will enable you to make wise financial decisions.

When black slaves learned to read and write they were able to **DEVELOP THEIR MIND** and **STRENGTHEN THEIR INTELLIGENCE**. By doing this, they learned **HOW** to **STRATEGIZE** and escape the misery of slavery.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER. WISDOM MAKES YOU POWERFUL!

When you become financially literate you will learn how to AVOID borrowing. (Isaiah 1:17)

STOP BEGGING

1st Peter 2:9

People borrow because they do not have alternative options. People beg because they are without hope.

Begging is a desperate plea for help. It robs you of your

self-esteem, self-confidence and value. **PEOPLE DO NOT GIVE TO PEOPLE WHO BEG. THEY GIVE TO PEOPLE WHO PRODUCE!**

When you adopt the mindset of a peasant you will never act like a king. 1st Peter 2:9 says, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Beggars cannot be choosers. When you beg for what you need you will be **FORCED** to receive the least. Beggars do not receive top quality. When you remain at the mercy of other people you will stop yourself from receiving God's best. Think about it.

- If people are controlling your destiny can you achieve God's purpose? NO.
- If you are begging for an opportunity do you have time to create your own opportunity? NO.

• If you are begging for a job will you have the time to build your own business? NO.

START BUILDING

Proverbs 24:3

Start building your dreams. Start building your legacy. Start building your business. Start building your independence. Your cannot live a plentiful life without **GROWTH**. For example,

- If your financial literacy is not growing your finances will
 NOT improve.
- If your prayer life is not growing, your relationship with God will NOT improve.
- If your mindset is not growing you CANNOT establish new opportunities.

WISDOM NOTE: Borrowing keeps you behind in life.

Begging keeps you down in life.

Building empowers you in life.

Unfortunately, many people do not focus on building because they do not have the wisdom to understand the importance of it. Proverbs 24:3 says, "By wisdom a house is built." YOU CANNOT BUILD WITHOUT WISDOM! Here are three things you need to remember.

- PEOPLE BEG BECAUSE THEY ARE IGNORANT.
- PEOPLE BORROW BECAUSE THEY ARE FOOLISH.
- PEOPLE BUILD BECAUSE THEY ARE WISE.

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