



Today's News

Finances

Many today in the United States are suffering financial loss at an alarming rate. The average American has to rob Peter to pay Paul. What has caused such poverty among those who should be financially solvent?

When I came into the world in 1933, our country was in a great depression. Many were wandering through cities homeless, jobless, and penniless also, there were people in bread lines and many were on "relief" as the welfare system was referred to. Jobless people were pounding the pavements looking for work, but finding nothing. Then came World War 2 and the economy began to pick up.

Eventually affluence came and the American dream was being realized. However this became our worst nightmare as the credit card eventually caused many to go bankrupt. The richest nation on earth was living on borrowed money, and being reduced in finances through graft, corruption, wars and greed of the average person. Most never paid for things as they needed them, but plunged deeper in debt on easy credit. But the Piper must be paid, and our financial chickens came home to roost.

What does God say in his word about finances? There are many proverbs concerning finances, and that would make a great bible study! But the book of Romans gives some advice:

Romans 13:6-8 NLT

Pay your taxes too, for these same reasons, for government workers need to be paid, so they can keep on doing the work God intended them to do. Give to everyone what you owe them. Pay your taxes and import duties and give respect and honor to all to whom it is due. Pay all your debts except the debt of love for others. You can never finish that.

If we in America would have taken this advice, we would not have become impoverished. It's not too late for us to do this! Pray for the strength to do what it takes to be aligned with God's plan for our finances!