

HOW TO GET OUT OF A FINANCIAL HOLE

STRAPPED: PART ONE

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*"I called on Your name, O Lord, out of the deep hole."
(Lamentations 3:55, NLV)*

FOUR STEPS TO GET OUT OF A FINANCIAL HOLE

Honestly admit you've got a **PROBLEM**.

"I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can't. I do what I don't want to—what I hate...But I can't help myself because I'm no longer doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am that makes me do these evil things." (Romans 7:15,17, The Living Bible)

Openly acknowledge you need **GOD'S HELP**.

"God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs." (Matthew 5:3, NLT)

"You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule." (Matthew 5:3, The Message)

"Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him to help you do it, and he will." (Psalm 37:5, The Living Bible)

Learn healthy **HABITS**.

"Of what use is money in the hand of a fool, since he has no desire to get wisdom?" (Proverbs 17:16, NIV84)

"An intelligent person aims at wise action, but a fool starts off in many directions." (Proverbs 17:24, GNB)

"People learn from one another, just as iron sharpens iron." (Proverbs 27:17, GNB)

Excel in **GIVING** throughout.

"The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." (Proverbs 11:25, NLT)

"All goes well for the generous man..." (Psalm 112:5, The Living Bible)

"One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty." (Proverbs 11:24, NIV)

LAST THOUGHT

Focus on financial HEALTH not wealth.

"Two things I ask of you, LORD; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God." (Proverbs 30:7–9, NIV)