



The Issues of Life

Proverbs 4:23

ISSUES OF LIFE



Personal Finance – Session 3

December 28, 2022

Please Note...

- *We are not professional financial advisors*
- *We are unfortunately very qualified to discuss what **NOT TO DO** with finances.*
- *We encourage each of you to be in prayer about your personal financial situation*
- *Please do not be ashamed or afraid to seek counsel – it is never too late to start.*

**Hear counsel, and receive instruction,
that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.**

Proverbs 19:20

The Goals of our “family discussion”

- *Provide some insights into the current financial condition of the world we live in.*
- *To better understand what God says about the resources he has entrusted each of us to manage.*
- *Apply the real-world advice from God’s Word to our lives and live the life God wants us to experience.*



HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION?

- *Out of control*
- *Scary*
- *Unpredictable*
- *Volatile*
- *Extremely Fragile*
- *Stressful*
- *Unnerving*
- *Pending Employment Concerns...*



PROVERBS 3:5-8

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

In the first 2 sessions, we have covered a variety of topics.

- *Money*
- *Tithing*
- *Spending*
- *Budgeting*
- *Savings*
- *Investing*
- *Debt*
- *Insurance*
- *Preserving Assets*

*Tonight we are going to discuss
“Recession” and “Resolutions”*



TRIVIA!

We need your help....





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Question:

How many verses in the Word are related to money and possessions?

2,300 verses

- ✓ *Heaven = 550 verses*
- ✓ *Eternal Life, Salvation, Everlasting Life = 201 verses*
- ✓ *Repent, Repentance = 105 verses*

1 TIMOTHY 6:10 – 11

*For the **love of money** is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.



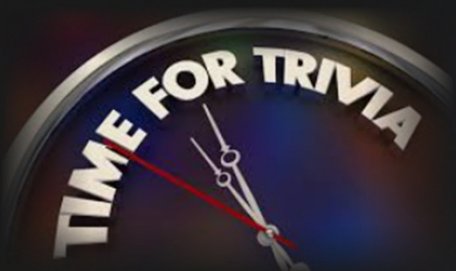
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Question:

*How many Americans don't have enough savings to cover
a \$1,000 emergency*

56%*

*OPPU (<https://www.opploans.com/oppu/articles/scary-financial-facts/>)



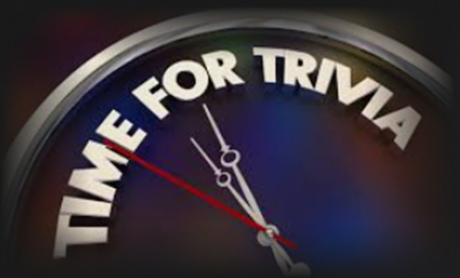
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Question:

How many adults could not afford to pay a hypothetical \$400 using cash?

33%*

*<https://www.forbes.com/sites/rcarson/2022/10/26/13-scary-financial-statistics-and-how-to-help-avoid-becoming-one/?sh=2fd9c45c32b5>



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Question:

What % of consumers have NO savings set aside for emergencies?

24%*

*Forbes/Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Oct 26, 2022)

BUT DO I REALLY NEED TO SAVE FOR A RAINY DAY?

- *We live in Ohio, Yes, it will rain!*
- *70% of people will have a significant life changing event every 20-years.*

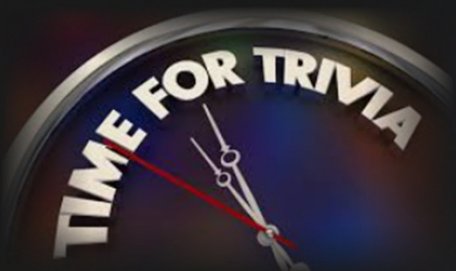


BUT DO I REALLY NEED TO SAVE FOR A RAINY DAY?

Proverbs 21:20

*There is treasure to be
desired and oil in the
dwelling of the wise;
but a foolish man spendeth it
up.*





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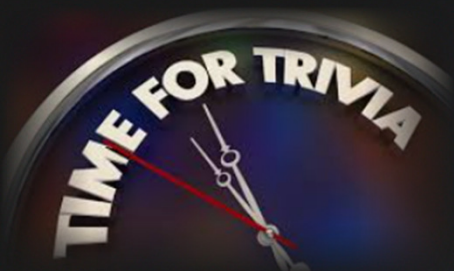


Question:

What % of households have credit card debt.

38%*

*OPPU (<https://www.opploans.com/oppu/articles/scary-financial-facts/>)



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Question:

Average credit card balance for U.S. Households?

A: \$1,500 to \$3,500

B: \$3,500 - \$5,500

C: \$5,500 - \$7,500

D: \$7,500 - \$9,500

*Actual Avg is
\$8,942*

Q2, 2022 CC Debt increased = \$67,200,000,000

Q3, 2022 CC Debt increased = \$39,600,000,000

*Forbes/Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Oct 26, 2022)

LUKE 12:15

*And he said unto them, Take heed, **and beware of covetousness:**
for a man's life consisteth **not** in the abundance of the things
which he possesseth.*



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Question:

What percentage of Americans live paycheck-to-paycheck?

64%*

****Income level has little to do with this behavior****

40% of people earning more than \$100,000 per year said they lived paycheck to paycheck as well

*OPPU (<https://www.opploans.com/oppu/articles/scary-financial-facts/>)



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Question:

What % of student loan borrowers are expected to go into default by 2023.

40%*

*OPPU (<https://www.opploans.com/oppu/articles/scary-financial-facts/>)



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Question:

What % of Americans nearing retirement say they have enough money to retire.

22%*

Down from 26% in 2021

**<https://www.plansponsor.com/concern-doorstep-retirement/>*

How did we get to this place of financial insecurity?

Maybe our wants exceed our needs?

Prov 13:25, Luke 15:14

Maybe our envy overshadows our lack of contentment?

1 Tim 6:6, Gal 5:26

The “R” word

It's not righteousness, repent, renew, rejoice, Romans,

RECESSION

What causes a recession?

- A sudden economic shock
- Excessive debt
- Asset bubbles
- Too much inflation
- Too much deflation
- Technological change

How long do recessions last?

From 1945 to 2009, the average recession lasted 11 months. Over the past 30 years, the U.S. has gone through **four** recessions, over the past 77 years there have been **thirteen**.

- **The Covid-19 Recession** (February 2020 to April 2020)
- **The Great Recession** (December 2007 to June 2009)
- **The Dot Com Recession** (March 2001 to November 2001)
- **The Gulf War Recession** (July 1990 to March 1991)
- The Great Depression started in 1929 and lasted through 1933, unemployment rose to 25% and the GDP fell by 30%.

What data is reviewed to determine a recession?

- ✓ Labor markets
- ✓ Consumer and Business spending
- ✓ Industrial production
- ✓ Real personal incomes
- ✓ GDP

What happens during a recession?

- ✓ Economic activities slows - *Companies make fewer sales*
- ✓ Companies cut cost - *Including layoff's*
- ✓ Investments (401k, IRA's) tend to decline in value – Stock Market

What should I be doing to prepare and during a recession?

1. *Don't panic.*

- You'll get through it. Cover your food, utilities, shelter and transportation cost first.
- Long-term investors should continue to invest.

2. *You should reduce your expenses, your wants, starting a budget for every dollar. Delay major purchases.*

- Knowing where your money is going is helpful, allows for adjustments.
- Once you know where your \$\$ are going look for places to trim.
- Be proactive.

What should I be doing to prepare and during a recession?

3. Allocate more of your income towards saving.

- Increase your emergency fund.
- Cash is more important than extra payments on a long-term debt.

4. Don't listen to one source of information.

- Don't ignore what is happening.
- Pay attention to multiple sources of information.
- Be informed, make informed decisions.

Summary

- *Being intentional and prudent about managing your money is always key to building financial stability.*

91% of US CEOs anticipate there will be recession in the next 12 months, according to a KPMG survey.

The smart people are saying:

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✓ "You really



The Lone Wolf.....

**"The economy is strong as *h*🔥!"
- President Joe Biden**

CEO Wells Fargo

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you can. Hope

Economist

What does the Final Authority have to say about - **Trusting God**

Proverbs 3:5-6 - *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

Matthew 6:25 - *Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?*

Psalms 112:7 - *He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.*

The other “R” word

RESOLUTION

Webster 1828 - The act, operation or process of separating the parts which compose a complex idea; **fixed purpose or determination of mind**; as a *resolution* to reform our lives;

Johnism 2022 - *Something you think about, say your going to do, have no intention of really doing, don't do it, then wait twelve months to think about it, again.*

History of New Years Resolutions

4,000 years ago

- ✓ Ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions.
- ✓ They were also the first to hold **recorded celebrations in honor of the new year**—though for them the year began in mid-March (when crops were planted).
- ✓ They also made promises to the gods to pay their debts and return any objects they had borrowed.

History of New Years Resolutions

46 B.C.

- ✓ Ancient Rome, after Julius Caesar established January 1 as the beginning of the new year.
- ✓ Named for Janus, the **two-faced god**, January had special significance for the Romans. Believing that Janus symbolically **looked backwards into the previous year and ahead into the future**.
- ✓ Romans offered sacrifices to the deity and made promises of good conduct for the coming year.



Middle Ages

- ✓ Knights would renew their vow to chivalry by placing their hands on a live or roasted peacock.
- ✓ The annual “**Peacock Vow**” would take place at the end of the year, as a resolution to maintain their knighthood values.



Jan. 2, 1671 –

Scottish writer Anne Halkett wrote in her diary several pledges that she titled “**Resolutions**”, many inspired by lines in the Bible including, “I will not offend any more”. Merriam-Webster says this marks the first known use of the phrase “resolutions” in connection with the New Year..

1740

- John Wesley, founder of Methodism, created the Covenant Renewal Service, held on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day.
- Also known as **watch night services**, they included **readings from Scriptures and hymn singing**, and served as a spiritual alternative to the raucous celebrations held to celebrate the coming of the new year.
- The traditional occasion for thinking about one's past mistakes and resolving to do and be better in the future.



1813

- A Boston newspaper featured the first recorded use of the phrase “New Year resolution.” The article states:

“And yet, I believe there are multitudes of people, accustomed to receive injunctions of new year resolutions, who will sin all the month of December, with a serious determination of beginning the new year with new resolutions and new behavior,”

1900's

- As a legacy of the Protestant history, resolutions were **more religious or spiritual in nature**, reflecting a desire to develop stronger moral character, a stronger work ethic, and more restraint in the face of earthly pleasures.

Over the years, however, resolutions seem to have migrated from denying physical indulgences to general self-improvement, today's resolutions are also a reflection of status, financial wealth, responsibility, and self-discipline.

Self, Self, Self, Self.....

Top (popular) New Year Resolutions

- ✓ Exercise more
- ✓ Lose weight
- ✓ Get Organized
- ✓ Live life to the fullest
- ✓ Save more money / spend less
- ✓ Spend more time with family/friends
- ✓ Travel more
- ✓ Read more

How about this year's
resolutions ?

Are they about what we need
to be doing for the Lord?

2023 “Resolutions” for the Lord

Open Doors/Speak the life of the gospel

- *Courage to tell individuals about... Jesus, your testimony, the Gospel*
 - ✓ ***Matt. 10:20 – For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.***

Resolve to pursue holiness

- *Have your life reflect a relationship with Jesus*
 - ✓ ***Romans 10:14 - How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?***

2023 “Resolutions” for the Lord

Spending more time with the Lord

- *Diligently, reading and studying His word*
 - ✓ **Hebrews 4:12 – For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and it’s a discerner of thought and interest of the heart.**
- *Be open to what God is doing in your life*
 - ✓ **Psalm 46:10 – Be still, and know that I am God:**
 - ✓ **Psalm 48:14 – For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even until death.**

2023 “Resolutions” for the Lord

GBC / Church Family

- *Serving in which your time, talents and finances can be used*
 - ✓ ***1 Peter 4:10 - As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.***
- *Edifying the leaders and the body*
 - ✓ ***Ephesians 4:29 - Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.***

Make 2023 the year of “time”

“**Time** is what we want most, but what we use worst.” — William Penn

“**Time** is free, but it’s priceless. You can’t own it, but you can use it. You can’t keep it, but you can spend it. Once you’ve lost it, you can never get it back.” — Harvey MacKay

“**Time** is precious. Make sure you spend it with the right people.” Unknown

“**Time** is more valuable than money. You can get more money, but you cannot get more time.” - Jim Rohn



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What does the Final Authority have to say about - **Faithfulness**

Proverbs 28:20 - *A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.*

1 Corinthians 4:2 - *Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*

Psalms 89:33 - *Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.*

Hebrews 10:23 - *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*