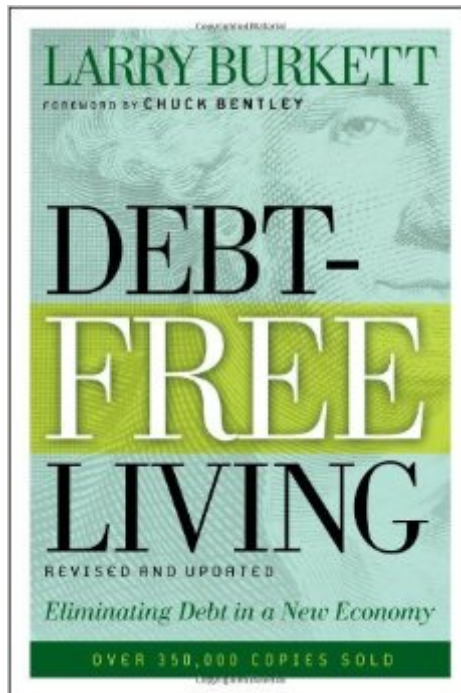


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# Debt-Free Living: Eliminating Debt In A New Economy



## Synopsis

So much has changed...and yet, so much is exactly the same. Debt-Free Living has sold more than 300,000 copies in the two decades since Larry Burkett first laid down the challenge to live debt-free lives. And now, on the heels of the debt-fueled debacle that was 2008-2009, we need this message now more than ever. With people's credit, mortgages, car payments, salaries, commissions, and bills fluctuating daily, Debt-Free Living has never looked more attractive. This bestselling book has been updated and revised to reflect today's realities alongside timeless biblical truth. Learn about the origin of most financial troubles and break out of the debt cycle. Debt-Free Living is a necessary resource to battle the ever-present temptation and trappings of more and more debt that keep weighing you down.

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## Customer Reviews

I really liked this book. It is a classic book for those who are interested in managing their finances according to Biblical principles, and for those who have landed themselves into debt. Larry Burkett teaches biblical principles of debt-management by telling stories... stories collected over years of counseling thousands of struggling individuals and couples. Some of the previous reviewers have said that these stories are just anecdotal scare-tactics, but the intriguing thing is that I see highly-educated people around me making the same "anecdotal" mistakes with their finances (and reaping the consequences). Americans (in general) have no clue how much house they can afford, etc. and regard debt as a necessary evil... or even as a good thing. This book helps you to see debt

in a more balanced light, and is highly recommended to anyone who struggles in this area. As you can see by some of the other reviews, if you're not a Christian, you'll probably get hung up on some of the biblical principles: such things like keeping your word even when it costs you money, family leadership principles, living within your means, and the husband-wife relationship. So if you're not a Christian, I would suggest taking a serious look at the Bible (by studying what it says) and then compare it to the principles in this book. I think you'll find that the Bible is reliable and timeless in its guidelines for finances just as it is for every other area of life.

A blessing, a blessing, a blessing!!! This book truly blessed me in more ways than one. It made me take a true look at my issues of debt. Larry Burkett has the great ability to show you where scripture applies to debt and that there is a way out! He also confirms that the Bible is a "living" word and applies to things of the past, present and future. I praise God for this book and the author. I'm buying the workbook now!

Debt-FREE Living is not so much a "how-to-get-out-of-debt" manual as it is a "change-your-mindset-about-money" type of book. The book basically takes you through the stories of several couples' struggles with debt from the reasons they got into debt to how they eventually got out. It is written from a Christian perspective, so much of the advice is based upon the author's interpretation of key scriptural texts regarding money and debt. While much of the information is good so far as it goes, it is often too general in nature to be of great use to those who are really seeking (and needing) specific advice. From the subtitle of the book, "How to get out of debt and stay out" some prospective buyers may get the impression that this is a "how-to" book--that is, that it will run through an exhaustive list of specific things they can do to get out of debt. Unfortunately, that is not the focus of the book. It does, however, have very good information on personal bankruptcy should you be contemplating that particular option, and it also comes with SnapShot Gold debt management software which should make the book/CD ROM combo worth the price.

This book is a masterpiece that should be required reading. It is written simply and makes its point clearly. If this book doesn't motivate you to get out of debt, nothing ever will. But more importantly, this book will get you started toward that goal.

This book is written from a Biblical perspective and non believers will find it hard to follow Larry Burkett's advice to tithe (give away 10% of your income to church or charity), one of the most

important secrets for achieving financial independence. It also has a wealth (!) of information for people who are close to calling it quits before deciding on bankruptcy. And to the reviewers who found the stories corny, I can only say that any of these scenarios could easily happen to anybody who is less than savvy about their finances (80% of the general population?). I didn't give this book 5\* because I wished there had been more information on how to whittle away at credit debt, and some of the optimal housing costs recommended totally ignore the reality for people living on the Northeast coast of the US (The West Coast probably, too!).

This is a great book on how to handle the debt you've accumulated and avoid falling into the same traps that led you there in the first place. It is great for those experiencing the marital stress that can be caused by "not making enough money." The solution is clear. More money will not solve the problem, only self-discipline and wise money management can help. It is a good book to scare you into using the principles and guidelines Burkett offers in "The Complete Financial Guide for Young Couples" which despite its name is great for the single and the married, and it is certainly not only for the young.

This book was the best financial planning book I have ever read. It had real life situations that helped out a lot. I didn't realize how much in debt I was until I read this. I didn't have a problem with making payments and even paying extra on them. But I never planned for a disaster or loss of a job. If you spend a couple of years paying off your debt, that is years of happiness just knowing you don't owe others money. This book helped me realize this. Thank You Larry Burkett for this and all of your other books, God was really with you during your writing.

This is a great book to bring spending habits into "reality". The book has helped me tremendously and given me hope. I wish I had read this YEARS ago! It should be required reading in schools - young adults need to know these principles before they get in trouble with debt.

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