

How to Release Financial Blessing and Get Out of Debt Doug Addison [Episode 168] February 17, 2021

Hey friends! Doug Addison. Welcome to *Spirit Connection* podcast. February 17, 2021. And this month, I've been talking about how to get a financial breakthrough and how to restore peace and hope.

And so Lord, we pray for this to go out to the world. I felt really powerful, powerful anointing on this to help people to get out of debt, to help people to get a financial infusion. To get strategies from Heaven, to get downloads and things that we need right now. And especially this infusion of hope and get out of the wilderness that we're in, in Jesus' name. Open up the heavens over us!

Wow! Whooo! There's are a powerful, powerful time happening. Zechariah 9:12. If you really need a boost, just learn how to decree Bible verses. Pray them back to the Lord. Write them down. Zechariah 9:12, "Return to your fortresses, O prisoners of hope! Even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you." How many people feel that way? That you've maybe been feeling like you're a prisoner, being held captive in our homes. The Lord is restoring now, and He says in Zachariah 9:12, He said He's gonna give a double blessing as a result of your suffering. But you gotta push in, you know? Some of these things aren't just a blanket word. It's like you gotta file your claim. You gotta pray and ask, in other words. Ask, and you will receive. And sometimes it takes a process of, once you ask, it takes a process. It's like filing out a form with the government and then you put your claim in. And then, you know, sometimes you have to

prove a few things. You have to jump through some hoops, but you will get a breakthrough.

This week I wanna talk about how to get out of debt, how to stay out of debt, how to help others. And at the end here, I'm gonna do this prayer to open the heavens over your finances. And let's start with Deuteronomy 8:18. This is a powerful, powerful promise about the storehouses. "But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth. He confirms his covenant which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today." The Bible is full of verses of promises, principles of blessing. And then, you know, we just have to deal with our own stuff, basically. 'Cause with God, there's no limits! All things are possible for those who believe. See the little sign behind me? That's why I have it there, to remind me. All things are possible for those who believe. There's really no limits. God's limitless. The only limit we have then is our belief about God, our belief about some people giving a limiting belief about God, or a belief about ourselves.

So we can break through this and get the strategies that's flowing from Heaven. Haggai 2:19. I love this one. "Is there yet any seed in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree and the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit. But the Lord says, 'From this day forward, I will bless you.'" We're in a time that we have not been able to bear fruit, so to speak, you know. The storehouses on Earth are being depleted. I keep saying this, that the Lord wants to release financial blessing strategies and into the hands of people who can be trusted with it. So God's raising up the financial strategists. Those who will hear His voice—at all levels!

There's a new entrepreneurial prophetic anointing coming. It's here! And we need to shift the financial gloom that's over the land and over ourselves, even, and ask God for a strategy to bless and help others. It's happening at all levels. In other words, I just said this, about that entrepreneurial prophetic anointing. That's the Joseph anointing from Genesis 41. It's not just for businesspeople or prophets. This is for everyone. You ever

see a video where a kid, you know gets on his heart and suddenly raises thousands of dollars for something? That's what I'm talking about! It's at all levels. It could be a strategy to get you out of debt. It could be the strategy to pay the bills this month. Or it could be a strategy to bump you to the next level, get you into this time. This is what I'm talking about.

There is a debt epidemic. Oh, my goodness. It's like a pandemic for debt. It's a big, worldwide thing. And debt's so huge of a problem. It's draining the life out of people. It is so much that people get strangled by it. But I feel to say, greater is the One in you than the one in the world. And no weapon formed against you shall prosper. Proverbs 22:7 says, "The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is a slave to the lender." Now we need some people ... you know, I'm not saying not to use credit at all. We use credit, but we did have to get a hold of it. We had to get authority over it. We're no longer in debt. We broke the back of debt over ourselves and our ministries back in 2013. We've never been back. We've never been a slave to debt anymore. We're now helping others.

So, are you tired of being a slave? Maybe you can identify with some of this. Maybe you live from paycheck to paycheck. If you're married, maybe you have money fights. Most people you know, have shame around debt, so they don't like to talk about it. It's kinda like having some kind of, you know, weird disease you don't really wanna talk about. You know, but I've been in and out of debt many times. I was in debt, out of debt. In debt, out of debt. I had this thing, I had to break some underlying ties to that, some generational things, the spirit of poverty. But let's just bring it all into the light right now. Come on. The truth will set you free.

What we need ... here's what we all need, whether you're in debt or not, you need to do this. Develop a lifestyle of earning, giving, saving and spending in moderation. Let me repeat that. Earning, giving, saving and spending in moderation. Don't stop spending, people, because the jobs go away if we all stop spending everything! But if you're in

debt, you need to stop overspending. And you need to lower your debt. Find ways to raise your income. And be honest, first of all, about your condition. Start by letting someone else know. Get an accountability partner or some people to pray with you to come out about it. Come out of the closet about this thing. Start a spending journal. That's what we did. We started tracking everything we would spend. We still do it, actually. Because we've done it so long, we actually track how we spend, still. My wife's really good at this stuff.

Make some financial goals. Set some realistic goals for yourself, your family, your business, your ministry. And then, what you can do is start doing like a little savings account for each area. My wife is really good at this, too. Is we put away money each month because, you know, basically this ... If you know your car needs maintenance each year. If you know that the brakes are gonna go out ... Most people aren't putting away \$20 a month towards that. You can do something as simple as that. If you have trouble with your taxes, especially if you're working at home now, and you know, you don't put away enough money, you need to discipline yourself to put away 25 to 35 percent, or something, towards those things. You can do this.

And you can decide whether you need to cut up your credit cards or not, you know? Maybe do this. I heard someone do this. They put 'em in a block of ice in the freezer, so they really had to work at it to use those things! So, if you do have, you know, a spending problem, there are some things that I'm talking about that you can do right now. And again, maybe an accountability partner. Especially, get in a group to break this stuff. Find a group online, or just get a texting group or you know, a Facebook group, or something that you can pray. Because you know "one can be overpowered, two can overcome, but three ... a cord of three strands is not easily broken!" That's Ecclesiastes 4:12. That's a powerful one! So you wanna band together to get outta debt.

You wanna grow your savings, not your credit limit. Now you might have to start small. But if you discipline yourself in this area, then you can take small steps on a regular basis. Then when emergencies come, you'll have some money to do things. So I'll talk about this in a minute, some steps, you know, that you can take right now, even if you are in debt, to not pour everything into that debt. You'll need to develop some savings first. I'll talk about this in a minute. But staying out of debt, once you discipline yourself to save money, it will be easier to plan for bigger purchases or surprise purchases so that you're not a victim. Most people are, "Oh, my goodness! You know, my car broke down!" They're a victim. Like dude, cars break down! You know? Those things happen, so you need to be ready for it. And you know, you can build wealth with money. You know, you can have money in the bank, and then begin to pay off your debts. You can invest. You can help others do the same.

Here's the key: You want to make extra income. Don't be a victim. I know it's hard right now. We're in the pandemic, things like that. If you lost your job, I recommend try as hard as you can. Just step up and do something. Get outta that situation. Or if you have a job, find a way to make some extra money. I've done this most of my life. Most of my adult life, you know, I had trouble with debt. I didn't make enough money. I did all this different types of things. But I would find a way! I'd find a way. I knew, hey, I wanted some ministry training, you know, way back before we had it, you know, a long ... back in the 80s. I would do some extra stuff in the late 80s, early 90s. So I would do some extra side jobs, and I would put that towards buying, you know, like a correspondence course. (That was called the internet, at the time.) Or buying some study books and things that I needed. And also, later I started doing that for debt. Doing some extra work. You can be a freelancer. And part-time side jobs. You could clean houses. Babysit. Cook for others. Gardening. Fix cars. Whatever! You know, do these things online, as well.

So there are some steps that you can take to get out of debt. The first step is to be honest. I've been saying this. And then get someone to pray. Develop a \$500 to \$1,000 emergency fund. Some people say \$1,000 even if you have debt right now. Begin ... don't put everything into the debt. Start putting money into the savings account. Take \$1,000 or put that goal to get that. That way, you won't be caught off guard. Now then

you continue to snowball your debt payment. Let's say that you're paying \$100 a month in debt. Okay? And these are to three credit cards. So when one of 'em pays off, don't reduce that down and start using the money! No, snowball that money over to the next one, and to the next one. And as God gives you more money, you just keep paying the same amount. Oh, my goodness. You'll see. Go out and look for a debt calculator. Do an internet search on "debt calculator." Put in your debt, your monthly payments. It'll tell you the exact date that you'll be out of debt. Don't be discouraged. But then this will help when you snowball. Snowball the money to the next one, the next one, you'll see! And then you start making extra money on the side. You get out of the victim mentality. You start really becoming, you know, a focus towards it. You won't be stoppable! You'll start to be encouraged.

If you need some help, I recommend Dave Ramsey (<u>DaveRamsey.com</u>). He has a *Financial Peace University* and *Total Money Makeover*, got the 7 *Steps to Get Out of Debt*. We've used that. So you can look him up. That's a real, probably the best way if you need help right now.

Next thing is just to be encouraged. Matthew 19:26, "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man, this is impossible. With God, all things are possible." When you start taking steps towards anything, the clarity will begin to come, and you will gain momentum. Don't think it's gonna be locked in at the same thing. Once you take steps towards getting out of debt or getting to the next level financially, things will begin to snowball the other way! It will begin to go in your favor!

So right now, Lord, we break the spirit of debt. We break off this spirit that's on people today They are under a poverty mentality, under the ... whatever it might be, the demonic forces of debt, generational curses of debt. We now repent, renounce, break everything tied to keeping people in debt. We ask now, Lord, that You would release Your strategies over us. We pray for those who are not

in debt to be able to gain more to help others, to be able to stay in the wisdom place, in Jesus' name. Amen.

All right! You need to remember this. Don't be a victim. You have the power to change. And use your money towards—you can get extra side jobs and use money towards debt reduction or your financial goals. Become a freelancer. You know, do some things like that. You know, the Lord is with you in the midst of all of this. And we've been virtual for a very long time at InLight Connection. We have people (we have an office and people there), but we have virtual ... But people have worked for us on the side and then paid off their debt and gone and done things like plant churches and done things like that. Because they no longer became a victim, and they heard my message. And so, you can do the same thing, as well. And I believe God's gonna open up the heavens over your finances.

And if you want to respond to this, I've got an online workshop called <u>*How to Get Your*</u> <u>*Financial Breakthrough*</u>. Just go to <u>DougAddison.com/Breakthrough</u> and take a look at it. We normally do some online workshops. In the month of February, we're taking off.

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All right. God bless you all! See you next week!

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