

### **Deuteronomy 8:18**

<sup>18</sup> “Always remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.”

### **Joshua 7:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> The Lord said to Joshua, “Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? <sup>11</sup> Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions.

### **Matthew 2:1 NIV**

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem.

**4. I Must Have \_\_\_\_\_**  
**\_\_\_\_\_:**

### **Proverbs 24:27 New Living Translation**

<sup>27</sup> Do your planning and prepare your fields before building your house.



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# The Debt That Stole Christmas

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**Romans 13:8 New International Version**

<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

**Proverbs 22:7 NIV**

<sup>7</sup> The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.

**1 Corinthians 4:2 New Century Version**

<sup>2</sup> Now in this way those who are trusted with something valuable must show they are worthy of that trust.

**Philippians 4:11 NIV**

<sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

**Proverbs 21:17 NIV**

<sup>17</sup> He who loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and oil will never be rich.

**Proverbs 21:20 Living Bible**

<sup>20</sup> The wise man saves for the future,[a] but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.

**What should a family do to change the commercialization of Christmas and the resulting pressure of debt?**

**1. I Must Put \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ In My Home.**

**Matthew 12:25**

<sup>25</sup>...house divided against itself will not stand.

**Luke 2:10-14 NIV**

<sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

**2. I Must Focus On \_\_\_\_\_**

**Psalm 133:1 NCV**

<sup>1</sup> It is good and pleasant when God's people live together in peace!

**3. I Will Focus On Honoring the \_\_\_\_\_**

**Matthew 2:11 NIV**

<sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.