

## Consumed By Debt - Proverbs 6:1-11; 22:7

6<sup>1</sup> My son, if you have become surety for your neighbor,  
Have given a pledge for a stranger,

<sup>2</sup> If you have been snared with the words of your mouth,  
Have been caught with the words of your mouth,

<sup>3</sup> Do this then, my son, and deliver yourself;  
Since you have come into the hand of your neighbor,  
Go, humble yourself, and importune your neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> Give no sleep to your eyes,  
Nor slumber to your eyelids;

<sup>5</sup> Deliver yourself like a gazelle from *the hunter's* hand  
And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.

22:7 The rich rules over the poor,  
And the borrower *becomes* the lender's slave.

Debt:

The Bible doesn't say it's a sin to borrow

The Bible doesn't say it's wise to borrow

The Bible doesn't say God will bail you out of your debt(s)

The Bible doesn't say that borrowing is an act of faith

The Bible doesn't say it's a sin to lend

The Bible says it's a sin to borrow and not repay. Psalm 37:21

The Bible says never be surety for another Proverbs 11:15

The Bible says the borrower/lender roles always changes relationships

The Bible doesn't say to never borrow but in borrowing two biblical principles must be taken into consideration:

- Don't presume the future James 4:13-15 By borrowing you may be denying God an opportunity to provide Phil. 4:19
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- How do I live within my income?
- How will we ever dig ourselves out of all this debt?
- Should we buy a home or continue to rent?
- What options do we have to save for our kids' college expenses?
- How do I know if I'm making a wise investment decision?
- Will I have enough to live on when I get older?
- How do we decide how much—and where—to give?
- Give, spend, save, invest Ecclesiastes 11