

## Post-Nuclear Families: You Owe Me!

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<sup>7</sup> *The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender. Proverbs 22:7, NIV*

When someone owes me I become his/her \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>28</sup> *"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. Matthew 18:28, NIV*

When others \_\_\_\_\_ me, I want to be \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>1</sup> *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1, NIV*

When I say, "You owe me!" I am only looking at a \_\_\_\_\_ of my account.

<sup>7</sup> *Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. <sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. Romans 13:7-8, NIV*

We all owe a debt of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for all that Christ has done for us.

<sup>6</sup> *I pray that your **partnership** with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup> Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. Philemon 6-7, NIV*

<sup>7</sup> *Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the **common good**. 1 Corinthians 12:7, NIV*

God's people have been called into a \_\_\_\_\_.  
With the gifts I have I am to serve \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>8</sup> *Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup> yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—<sup>10</sup> that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. Philemon 8-11, NIV*

\_\_\_\_\_ was the master.  
\_\_\_\_\_ was a slave who ran away after stealing.  
\_\_\_\_\_ was asking for mercy for Onesimus.

<sup>17</sup> *So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup> I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask. Philemon 17-21, NIV*

God wants us to make \_\_\_\_\_ into relationship accounts.  
He wants us to use our "funds" to \_\_\_\_\_ relationships.

### MEMORY VERSE

*Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another. Romans 13:8a, NIV*

**Bottom line:** I owe a debt of thanks for all that Christ has done for me. I will make deposits in my relationship accounts and use the trust I have built up to strengthen relationships.

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