

The Green Eyed Monster

Jealousy has been labeled the “Green Eyed Monster”. Today I want to offer another definition: credit card debt is the new Green Eyed Monster in society today. We would assume that most missionaries have this Green Eyed Monster under control. Yet in our society, this new fanged foe can easily creep up upon the best of us.

The boundary our family has lived by is “to owe no revolving credit card debt”. “If we can’t afford to pay it off at the end of the month, we can’t afford to own it this month”.

Here are some encouragements:

1. If the monthly payment “fang” has bitten you, do whatever is necessary to get out from under it. Focus on it and work at it. You can turn it around.
2. Be the leader of your family to keep this monster caged. Be cautious as we approach the holidays, temptation can be high to use debt to express love. Creative low cost gifts bring peace and freedom on the other side of the New Year.
3. Realize if you’ve allowed your financial support to drop so low that you need to use credit card debt to stay “afloat”, it’s time for a different course of action. Your life, ministry and even your marriage could be in jeopardy. It’s a wise man that sees danger and takes action.

Today’s the day to kill the Green Eyed Monster of revolving credit card debt. You can return to the sane, enjoyable, pressure-free life, of credit card freedom. Connect with someone for accountability. Make a plan, put it in your calendar. Work toward your goal and obtain your prize! You can do it, if you will!

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