

# It's Time Again for 'Waste Not - Want Not'

A couple of weeks ago I was urged in my spirit by Holy Spirit to begin advising everyone to focus on being frugal. This was not a download, but a sense within my spirit that the time had come to start thinking like this.

**IMPORTANT:** As we move into more difficult times it will be essential to know how to be frugal in every way.

My generation grew up in the aftermath of the depression and World War II. Our parents and grandparents had to learn to be frugal and they trained us to be the same – not often with complete success. They sounded out the message 'Waste Not - Want Not' whenever they saw us being wasteful and reminded us of what they had been through.

Subsequent generations have grown up in the 'instant society' and have functioned out of the hedonistic paradigm of self-gratification. From my observation they have not learnt to be thrifty in any way at all.

For example: Australia's household debt is the 4th highest in the world.

*“Australian household debt has steadily risen over the past three decades as more of us aim to own homes and continue to rely on products such as car loans and credit cards. In fact, the ratio of household debt to income has more than doubled between **1995 and 2015, going from 104% to 212%**, according to the OECD Data released in 2015. This means if the average person earns \$80,000 net, they are spending \$169,600 per year.*

*While many other developed countries have seen a decline or “levelling out” of personal debt since the 2008 global financial crisis, Australia's debt levels have continued to increase. As a result, Australia is now reported to have some of the highest personal debt levels in the world...*

*Australia's personal debt may be among the highest in the world when compared to GDP, but the majority of it is from home loans and investments.”<sup>1</sup>*

Extremely low interest rates, the ease of borrowing money, the reliance on credit cards, and our more-than-enough wages with large non-essential spending ('disposable income') has put us in this precarious position. And, it keeps getting worse, despite constant warnings from the Government and economic gurus. Specifically, each Australian household on average owes \$20,500 in 'bad debt' (not home loans or investments which are considered as 'good debt' as they are wealth creating).<sup>2</sup>

When the next GFC/depression comes, we need to be prepared. Remember, in the Kingdom our King looks after us and alerts us about what's coming, as well as looking after us in 'the now'. This message is a 'nudge' from him to start realigning ourselves with how we've lived in by-gone years because a financial collapse is highly probable. This may even be deliberately generated by the One-World elite for their own agenda.

Not only that, but there is a certainty of difficult times ahead because our King has warned us about it. This may take the form of invasion, persecution or a global spiralling into the occult – we don't know. Whatever it is, we will find life very hard, which means we'd better get ready for it.

These days it's about changing our mindset rather than radical changes in the way we live. We need to become more financially wise and more frugal. For example:

1. Spend less all-round
2. Eat less

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1 – “Australians' household debt nears highest worldwide” [Update of 22 May 2019]  
[www.finder.com.au/australias-personal-debt-reported-as-highest-in-the-world](http://www.finder.com.au/australias-personal-debt-reported-as-highest-in-the-world)

2 – “Australians' household debt nears highest worldwide” [Update of 22 May 2019]

3. Eat out less
4. Eat less takeaway
5. Cook lots of stir-fry and slow-cooker meals based on vegetables and only a small amount of mince or meat strips
6. Base slow-cooker meals on zucchini or squash purée from the vegetable garden (Leave some fruit to grow large for this purpose)
7. Buy less expensive foods
8. Use left-overs in the fridge rather than throwing them out because they get too old.
9. Eat cheaper foods which are not the preferred brand or taste
10. Buy a wider range of foods on special
11. Check all the specials on-line before going shopping – it's quick and easy
  - Coles: [shop.coles.com.au/a/a-nsw-regional-tuggeranong/specials/browse](http://shop.coles.com.au/a/a-nsw-regional-tuggeranong/specials/browse)
  - Woolworths: [www.woolworths.com.au/shop/catalogue](http://www.woolworths.com.au/shop/catalogue)
12. Look for foods that are close to or past their Use By date and are on special (Many foods have a Best Before date, but are quite edible after that)
13. Get some hens to eat your food scraps and supply eggs
14. Grow vegetables
15. Grow more vegetables than you need in the space available on your plot of land
16. Share your produce with others
17. Get rid of one car (Rely on public transport and share vehicles)
18. Walk to the shop and the mail box (i.e. government mail box)
19. Buy in bulk
20. Don't buy from the dearer local shop (Use bigger supermarkets which are cheaper)
21. Factor in petrol and car running costs when travelling for a purchase (It costs around \$0.75/Km to run the family car, so driving on a 50 km round-trip to buy something cheaper may cost you more than buying it local)
22. Wash your car on the lawn at home
23. Cut back on holiday travelling

These are suggestions, they are not demands or mandatory instructions. You may be doing some of these already, so expand what you do rather than staying with the *status quo*.

Our responsibility is not only to become more thrifty for our own sakes, but as forerunners we need to have the experience so we can demonstrate and train those who come into the Kingdom and experience the same hard times.

**VITAL:** Even though we are being called to watch our spending more closely, we must not let that impinge on how we give to others in need. In the Kingdom we are to be extravagant givers like our Father, not 'penny-pinchers'. We have been given much through the Kingdom in our lives each day – too much to put a value on – so what we pull back on must be spending on ourselves, not others.

**Be prepared.**

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