

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES
Resolution on Our Current Financial Crisis

WHEREAS our nation is experiencing turbulent financial times resulting in the depletion of savings, the loss of equity in homes, the collapse of many banks and financial institutions, the uncertain future of many industries, and the loss of jobs; and

The current financial climate has forced some to reevaluate their principles of even abandon them, choosing to take extreme measures that they would not otherwise consider; and

Although the Bible may not answer specific financial questions, it does very clearly address general financial principles which are applicable in any age, *especially* during times of economic challenges;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the Nebraska Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our Spring Conference at Grace Baptist Church in Omaha, Nebraska, April 2-4, 2009, commit ourselves to be faithful financial stewards according to eternal Biblical principles.

We re-affirm the sound financial wisdom that God has revealed to us in His Holy Scriptures: the wisdom of avoiding unnecessary debt (Proverbs 22:7), rejecting the materialism and greed of our culture (I Timothy 6:10), tithing consistently to the Lord (1 Corinthians 16:2; II Corinthians 9:6-7), cultivating an attitude of contentment (1 Timothy 6:6-9), and ultimately trusting God rather than riches (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

We condemn the sinful choices of the world which led to such a financial collapse: materialism, greed, risky borrowing, reckless spending, and dishonest business practices.

We further resolve to model Biblical stewardship in a way that glorifies our Heavenly Father. We commit to live frugally and save during prosperous times, share generously during difficult times, tithe faithfully at all times, always trusting in the loving provision our Almighty God.