### 6 Short courses to Financial Freedom

Course 3 Debt Management



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### Did you know...about 340 million Americans are in debt?

Average debt by generation Gen Z (1997-2012): \$9,593 Millennials (1981–1996): \$78,396 Gen X (1965-1980): \$135,841 Baby boomers (1946-1964): \$96,984 Silent generation (1925–1945): \$40,925

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Years	3%	6%	12%
0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
6			\$20,000
12		\$20,000	\$40,000
18			\$80,000
24	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$160,000
30			\$320,000
36		\$80,000	\$640,000
42			\$1,280,000
48	\$40,000	\$160,000	\$2,560,000



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#### **Debt consolidation**

When someone obtains a new loan to pay out a number of smaller debts that they are currently making payments on.



### Tips to stay out of debt

- Know what you owe & live within your means
- Eliminate the number of credit cards
- Pay off the entire balance on your credit card debt each month
- Avoid late payments
- Stop charging and cancel unused subscriptions





Let us know how we can help manage your debt Download our Debt Management Worksheet and select a time to chat with a financial professional





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