



# Maxed Out

## CASE STUDY 13

Susan and Brian are deep in debt. They have maxed out three credit cards and have started making charges on a fourth.

They both spend beyond their means. They like to buy the latest and greatest electronics and entertainment gizmos. Their house is filled with toys they are no longer interested in. If the couple is not careful, they will lose their house to foreclosure and have their cars repossessed.

When an opportunity came up at church to give toward a special missionary project, Susan and Brian had nothing to give. And when they could have gone on a missions trip with members from their church, they had to decline the opportunity.

1. What commands the couple's attention?
2. What are other opportunities the couple will ruin by living beyond their means?
3. Read Colossians 3:1–3. What are some “things above” that the couple needs to put their focus on?
4. Where is your focus in life? Have you set your mind on things above?
5. What opportunities will a heavenly focus now provide for you in eternity?