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Procrastination in repaying debts

The second question of Fatwa no. (8859):

Q 12: What is the ruling on a wealthy person who procrastinates in paying his debts? Please advise.

A: It is impermissible for a wealthy person who can afford to pay his debts to procrastinate in paying them, as it was authentically reported from [Abu Hurayrah](#) (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, [﴿ Procrastination in paying debts by a wealthy man is injustice. When one of you is referred for payment to a wealthy man, let them be referred. ﴾](#) Agreed upon its authenticity by Al-Bukhari and Muslim.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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