Dave Says

The Best Of The Three

BY DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

I'm 61 and on disability, but I'm completely debt-free and I have more than \$1 million in assets. I even try to spend no more than four percent of the principal each year, so I don't dip into it. I need to buy a better car, and I realize that I have three options - pay cash, do a lease or finance the vehicle. What do you suggest? —Linda

Dear Linda,

There's no way I'll ever tell you to lease or finance a car. You have a nice, peaceful financial life, and you don't want to mess that up.

New car leases are one of the biggest rip-offs on the planet. Consumer Reports, and my calculator, both say leasing is the most expensive way to operate a vehicle. And why would you want the hassle of car payments when you're in such good shape with your money?

I'm alright with you buying a new car, because for someone like you it's such a small portion of your overall financial picture. I advise people to always buy good, used cars unless they have a net worth or \$1 million or more, and you definitely fall into that

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NO, NO, NO!

My wife and I are recent graduates with advanced degrees. We also have about \$300,000 in student loan debt. We're thinking about buying a rental property, and the plan is to get a mortgage with monthly payments of \$400 and charge \$800 in rent. We could use the extra to help pay off our debt. Do you think this is a good idea?

Dear Jeremy,

rental property? No, no, no!

Right now, you guys are acting like Congress. You have a huge mess on your hands, and you're both going to have to work like crazy to clean it up. That means living on rice and beans for the foreseeable future. It means no vacations, and you should not see the inside of a restaurant unless you're working there to make extra money.

Again, no! You should not buy a rent al property. Even if you did, this plan assumes that it's constantly occupied and the renter actually pays. Those are two pretty big assumptions. Use whatever money you have to get out of debt. and live simple, inexpensive lives until you get this behind you.

Stop trying to borrow your way through all of your dreams, Jeremy. Doing that will only turn those dreams into nightmares!

-Dave

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It was lunchtime at the sale barn on the edge of town and the guys were milling around. They didn't really want to eat there, as the regular cook had a family emergency in the next state, so it was a substitute named Leroy and the guys knew that everything Leroy cooked tasted like toast.

So they milled around, kicking dirt clods, inspecting the livestock coming up for the afternoon bidding, and pretending they were maybe someday going to buy something. Their dogs were there, of course: Steve's two cowdogs, Doc's Egyptian shepherd, Ramses (he makes pyramids in the backyard), and Billy, the official town dog.

"Steve, what's the name of that guy who used to walk around in the bleachers yelling 'Ho!' every time someone wanted to bid?

"Oh," said Steve. "You mean that really good-looking kid?" "Yes," said Doc. "Haven't seen him around for maybe a month now.'

"Quit," said Steve. "He decided he was too stupid to work here.

"You're kidding."

"Nope. One day he was clowning around and twisted a

mule's tail.'

Steve grinned.

"Ain't as pretty as he used to be, but he's a bunch smarter.'

2015 SD State 4-H **Horse Show Results**

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Three-hundred and forty South Dakota youth representing 47 counties participated in the South Dakota State 4-H Horse Show held July 21 - 23, 2015 in Huron at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds.

Results are available on the iGrow 4-H & Youth Animals community page, photos are also available on the iGrow Flickr page.

The 2015 show had 50 more entries than the 2014 with a total of 998 entries in Performance, Showmanship, Equitation and Timed Events; as well as 166 entries in Youth in Action events including; Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, Public Speaking and Demonstrations, and Horse Judging.

Champion Senior teams from the Youth in Action contests, in Hippology and Quiz Bowl qualified to participate in the Western National Roundup, held January 2016 in Denver, Colo.

These teams include:

Brown County Hippology team; members include: Joellen Gonsoir, Megan Malsam and Trey Wright.

Roberts County Quiz Bowl team; members include: Morgan Janish, Derek Petersen, Kendra Currence and Valerie Moen.

Sarah Vos of Pennington County took top honors in Public Speaking.

Wyatt Stevens of Jerauld County was the Top Senior Horse Judging participant. Cassandra Townsend of Brown County was the top Junior Horse Judge; and Camille Hohn of Minnehaha County was the top Beginner Horse Judge.

Results can be viewed at the iGrow 4-H & Youth community page

A special thanks to all local 4-H leaders and volunteers who helped prepare these young men and women for the 4-H State Horse Show; as well as those volunteers who helped



advice is to pay cash or don't do the deal. You're more than able to do this every few years and not move the needle where your finances

category. Still, my

are concerned. Go get that new, better car, Linda. Just don't go into debt to make it happen!

-Dave

Dear Dave

—Jeremy

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285 Acres of Clay County, SD Land ESTATE AUCTION

Wednesday September 9th, 9:30 a.m.

Located: 4 miles South of Wakonda, SD or 4 miles East of Volin, SD. Corner of 306th Street and 455th Avenue. Auction site is 1/4-mile south of the intersection.

TRACT I: This farm is mostly all tillable, soil ratings are very good with a productivity rating of 84 and 80. This has always been a very good producing farm and the crops have always been rotated. LEGAL: East 1/2 South east 1/4 and East 1/2 Northeast 1/4 except East 615 feet of the North 525 feet and except Hoxeng Tract I in the East 1/2 Northeast 1/4 in Sec 21-94-53, Clay County, SD. 131.16 taxable acres. Approximate taxes are \$3,381.31.

TRACT II: This farm has approximately 124.34 acres now under cultivation with balance into building site, grass and waterways. The majority of the productivity rating is from 73 to 80. The building site consists of a 40x76 Astro machine shed built in 1980 with concrete floor and lined 8ft for grain storage. There is an older 2-story, uninhabitable home with rural water along with other older out buildings. This would make an excellent place to build a new home as there is a good wind break and oil roads on the west and south sides.

LEGAL: The Southwest 1/4 except the South 10 rods of the West 10 rods in Sec 15-94-53, Clay County, SD. 153.17 taxable acres. Taxes are \$4,194.90.

TERMS: Each tract will be sold separate and will not be tied together. 10% nonrefundable down payment is due the day of auction with balance due on closing date of December 1, 2015. Possession is on January 1, 2016. Taxes paid by the seller through Dec 31, 2015. Title insurance and closing costs will be split 50/50 between the buyer and the seller. Clay County Abstract & Title Co is the closing agent. Auctioneers are acting as agents for the seller. Call for a free property information packet.

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