

This illustration shows a comfortable person lying on a bed. However, under the blanket, the mattress is replaced with a block of stone, to show that people who are in debt are living a decorative life. And behind this decoration a tough time, when they need to pay back the taken money.

The main idea is that people who are in debt, look relaxed and happy. The appearance, is that they are living a fancy life. But, by digging in their life, we realized that this luxury and fancy life are rented, they're living a temporary happiness and high class life that will eventually disappear, and then they will pay back all what they have taken. "Stretch your blanket to the size of your leg", is an Arabic metaphoric quote, saying that people shouldn't demand more than they afford.

Finally, this is just an example of how people get in debt to lie to themselves and the society, and that this money would carry them to a permanent fancy life.

Get in debt!
For a **temporary** fancy life.



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