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First, I offered Jack a job. I told him that at least he would have some income to help with his daily necessities.

Second, I offered to loan Jack the \$50,000. I said, "Jack, I have \$50,000 but this is my entire life savings. I am willing to loan it to you if you promise to pay me back. When you get your pay check you can begin to make me some kind of payments." Jack was very thankful and promised to pay me back.

After Jack made a few payments the problem began. I don't know what Jack did with his money but he certainly wasn't fulfilling his promise to pay me.

How do people tend to act around someone when they owe them money and haven't paid them? Do they call them up and say, "Let's have lunch!" or "Let's play golf tomorrow!" No, they do everything possible to avoid them. In other words, they don't want to hang around a person to whom they owe a debt?

Eventually Jack wouldn't look me in the face when we were together. One day without a word he didn't show up for work. A week later I found out he had gotten a job on a merchant boat and went to South America.

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Now Debbie, a mutual friend of ours also goes to South America on a mission trip and finds Jack while she is there.

"Jack," Debbie says, "I've got good news for you! Cliff has paid off your debt and Don has written it off his books. You don't owe a thing! Don says he wants you to come back and work for him."

How many responses and choices could Jack make?

Jack could say, "No. I don't believe it. It's a trap. Don's just saying that to get me back to the United States so he can have me arrested."

Or

Jack could deny he owes Don money. He could say, "Don is lying and just trying to get me to pay him money I don't owe."

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