SOLVING MARRIAGE PROBLEMS: USING FINANCIAL WISDOM FROM PROVERBS

Introduction and Review

A. The theology of wealth.
   1. God is the owner and source of all wealth. Prov 8:21; 10:22; Deut 8:18; Ps 50:10


   3. Are the wise (godly) always wealthy? Prov 10:4

B. Money is important. Luke 16:11; 1 Tim 5:8; Prov 3:5-6

Maintain a Balanced Perspective on Money Prov 30:8-9

A. Money can be good. 1 Tim 6:10, 17; 4:4-5; Prov 14:20; 19:4, 6; 10:15; 30:9; 19:2; 22:7; Eccl 5:18

C. Learn the secret of contentment. Proverbs 10:3; 13:25; 25:16; Hebrews 13:5-6; Philippians 4:11-12; 1 Timothy 6:6-8, 17; Luke 3:14; Genesis 28:20; Matthew 6:11; Psalms 37:25; 34:9-10; Matthew 6:11, 33; Philippians 4:19; 1 Timothy 6:8; Your money problems are spiritual more than financial. Isaiah 55:1-3

Acquiring Money


4. You may not be able to pursue your dream career. Proverbs 28:19; 14:23


C. Marriage problems.
   1. What if the husband is a poor provider (or even a sluggard)? 1 Tim 5:8; 2 Thess 3:10

   2. Should the wife work outside the home? Titus 2:5; Eph 5:29; Gen 3:18-19

   3. What if the wife is a sluggard at home?

   4. What if one spouse has a gambling habit?

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Spending Money


B. Control your expenditures.

   2. Don’t make impulsive purchases. Prov 14:15; 22:3

4. Test your motives for spending money. *Eccl 2:1ff*

C. Stay out of debt. Debt is folly!
   2. Debt presumes upon the future. *Prov 16:9; 19:21*

4. What you can spend is determined by what you have, not your credit limit.

5. If you can’t control your use of credit cards, tear them up. *Matt 5:29*

6. Is it legitimate to borrow to buy a home? *Prov 24:27*


8. Is bankruptcy biblical? *Prov 3:27-28; Ps 37:21*
Saving Money

A. Anticipate future expenses or financial crises. *Prov 6:8; 30:25; 13:11; 28:20*

B. Invest wisely.

   2. Investment risk tends to increase with anticipated return.

   3. Is it wrong to take interest from others? *Prov 28:8; Deut 23:19-20; 15:1-11; Matt 25:27*

   4. Apply wisdom and seek godly counsel. *Prov 15:22; 18:15; Ecc 11:6*

C. Leave an inheritance to your children. *Prov 13:22; 19:14; 20:21; 2 Cor 12:14*

Concluding Applications

A. Make it your goal to be wise, not rich! *Prov 23:4-5; 19:1; 28:6, 22; 8:10-11; 15:16-17; 16:16; Ecc 5:10, 15; Matt 6:33; Heb 13:5-6; Ps 34:10*

B. You can’t take it with you. *2 Pet 3:10-13; Ecc 5:15; Matt 6:19-21*
C. Remember our Lord Jesus Christ who paid your debt. 2 Cor 8:9

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Supplemental Resources

“Your Family Budget”