



Marriage Myths

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QUOTE: “Materialism is a disease. And *stewardship* is the cure.”

Ron Blue’s Summary of the Proper Attitude Toward Money

- God owns it all.
- Money is never an end in itself, but is merely a resource used to accomplish other goals and obligations.
- Spend less than you earn, do it for a long time, and you will be financially successful.

QUOTE: “When our spiritual wealth lags behind our physical wealth, we have too much money. When our commitment to God, His Word, and the church comes in second place behind our commitment to material things, we’ve gone too far and outdistanced the amount of money we should hang on to.”

—ED YOUNG, SR.



MATERIAL POSSESSIONS MYTH

More money or possessions will make our home happier.

WHY WE BELIEVE IT

Not only are we spiritual beings living in a spiritual world, but we also are physical creatures living in a physical world. Advertisers, uninterested in the spiritual dimension, lure us into living beyond our means in order to satisfy earthly desires, only to find ourselves still wanting more.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT IT

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10—*But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

INTRODUCTION:

QUOTE: “Of the couples who end up getting a divorce, every survey shows between 85 and 90 percent of them say the number one problem they were having was finances.”—LARRY BURKETT

1. Why Money and Possessions Don’t

QUOTE: “Deep down we all know that a money shortage usually is not the real issue. We need the knowledge and discipline to use wisely the money we already have.”—DENNIS RAINEY

A. Because of buyer’s

PROVERBS 15:16—*Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith.*

B. _____ with each other about money.

1 SAMUEL 25:33—*And blessed be thy advice...*

EPHESIANS 5:21—*Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

C. _____ to a plan to reduce your debt.

PROVERBS 22:7—*The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.*

QUOTE: “If you want to get yourself better off financially, *quit buying things!*”

D. _____ a family budget.

LUKE 14:28-29—*In the multitude of people is the king’s honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince. He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.*

PROVERBS 3:9—*Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:*

Budget Priorities

- Giving
- Food, shelter, and transportation
- Saving
- Debt reduction

E. _____ a generous heart.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7—*Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

LUKE 6:38—*Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

QUOTE: “Greed causes many modern husbands and wives to think that they can’t give to the extent they should. That very mindset pushes them deeper and deeper into the quicksand of debt, which then becomes a ‘reason’ for not giving.”—ED YOUNG, SR.

PROVERBS 10:22—*The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.*

PROVERBS 21:5—*The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.*

B. Because of the temporary _____ of things

PROVERBS 23:5—*Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.*

MATTHEW 6:19–20—*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:*

C. Because we are more than _____ —we were designed for eternity)

HAGGAI 1:6—*Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.*

1 TIMOTHY 6:7—*For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.*

D. Because there will always be someone with _____

2 CORINTHIANS 10:12—*For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.*

QUOTE: “We spend money we don’t have, on things we don’t need, to impress people we don’t like!”

2. Why Couples Experience _____ When It Comes to Money

A. _____ creates problems for couples

COLOSSIANS 3:2—*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

QUOTE: “He who dies with the most toys... still dies.”

QUOTE: “The lottery is a tax on people who are bad at math.”

QUOTE: “We live in a culture that worships material things. Every day we are bombarded by advertising and other messengers that shout, ‘You are what you own!’ The media also tell us that what we have is definitely not enough, and we should aspire to bigger and better things.”—DENNIS RAINEY

B. _____ creates problems for couples

SCHEMING: Getting something for nothing

PROVERBS 13:4—*The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.*

2 THESSALONIANS 3:10—*For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.*

QUOTE: “One definition of maturity is learning to delay pleasure. Children do what feels good; adults devise a plan and follow it.”

—DAVE RAMSEY

C. _____ interests create problems for couples

AMOS 3:3—*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*

MATTHEW 6:31–33—*Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

QUOTE: “For Christians, the spiritual should be more important than the physical. If partners do not make a point of defining what’s important to them, the culture, peers, advertising, and a host of other influences will rush in to accomplish the task.”—DENNIS RAINEY

D. A lack of _____ creates problems for couples

HEBREWS 13:5—*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

QUOTE: “Contentment is not about havign what we want, but wanting what we already have.”

QUOTE: “I am eaily satisfied with the very best.”—WINSTON CHURCHILL

QUOTE: “Learn the secret of admiring without desiring.”—ED YOUNG, SR.

3. How to _____ the Trap of Materialism

QUOTE: “If you do the things you need to do when you need to do them, then someday you can do the things you want to do when you want to do them.”—ZIG ZIGLAR

A. Come to see yourself as a _____ rather than an owner.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:2—*Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*

LUKE 16:10—*He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.*