

FINANCIALLY TOGETHER



The Bible speaks more to money and possessions than any other subject. There is plenty of guidance when it comes to money, yet the “experts” say that finances is the number one reason for divorce. People today have almost an overabundance of information to help them with finances and still, finances are a problem for many couples. The problem, fundamentally, is a couple’s differences when it comes to money. Invariably, one spouse is a saver, the other a spender. One a risk taker, the other more safety conscious. One tends to look at the immediate, the other focuses on the future – the differences could go on and on! The bottom line is that *the ability to work together is more important to financial health in the marriage than the amount of money a couple has*. Couples *must work together* when it comes to finances!

One spouse usually is better with money than the other, but rather than complaining about the one who isn’t so great with money, we should be praising God that one *is* good with money! My wife took better care of the finances than I did, so she did it. We made big decisions together, but day to day expenditures depended on whether she said we had the money or not. We utilized her strengths, but left mine out because I didn’t want to spend the time in the details of the finances. After going through Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University, we work through the details *together* and our finances are better off for it. At the first of each month, we go through our expenditures and plug the numbers into our budget. We also look at up coming expenditures and what we need to do to ensure we have the money for them. It works great! And it doesn’t take that much time.

Not only does it help our finances – we are saving and giving more money – we are *growing together!* There is intimacy in working together on the finances. We both know what is going on with the finances and we both have input about how we are going to spend – or not spend – the money the Lord has given us. Amos 3:3 asks, “Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?” Finances are a huge part of our lives, as demonstrated by the 2,300 references to money and possessions in the Bible. Working together as a couple is critical to navigating through the many financial decisions we must make regularly. Work together as a couple, make a plan, set a budget, and grow together in this area. You will be blessed financially and in your marriage.

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Money and Marriage: 7 Tips for a Healthy Relationship by Rachel Cruze

Money and Marriage God’s Way by Gretchen Louise