



Marriage Myths: The Humble Home | April 10, 2019

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

When it comes to money and stuff, living humbly can be a great idea. Sometimes, however, it kind of tricks us into not paying attention and not planning very well. God has a few things to say about that. Hear more below.

Key Verses

Ephesians 4:25-27 (NIV)

"For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?"

Discussion

When we don't pay attention to our money, problems start to occur. Even if we don't care about money, we aren't concerned with making a lot of it, and we're not controlled by it; if we don't pay attention to money, we can get ourselves in trouble over time. All of the sudden we look up and we're in a lot of debt, or our homes are threatened because we can't pay the bills. We mean well, we live generously, and we acknowledge that greed is a bad thing, but if we stop paying attention altogether, we can get caught in a mess pretty quickly.

1. Do you pay attention to your money? Why or why not?
2. In what ways have you been taught how to handle money (parents, church, school, etc)? How do you think these have influenced whether or not you pay attention to your money?

Sometimes in relationships, we believe the myth of a humble home. It's not a bad thing when we live minimally and below our means, or give our money away, but unfortunately that can lead us down a path where we don't plan or engage in regards to our money. If we don't tell our money what to do, our money ends up telling us what to do. In a sense, money is even like air. When we have more than enough, we feel refreshed. But when we suddenly don't have access to it, it's all we can think about.

3. Have you experienced a season in which your money told you what to do? How did that feel?
4. Would you describe yourself as a generous person? If so, does this make you more or less likely to pay attention to your money? Explain.

In Luke 14:28, we read about the process of building a tower. It makes mention of the planning process involved in construction, including estimating what it will cost to make sure they have enough to complete it. It goes on to say that the person who doesn't plan is foolish. Inside of our marriage relationships, if we don't plan with regards to our money, we are bound to get into trouble. We either find ourselves in over our heads in debt or behind on our bills, or one person is involved and the other isn't and we experience tension or a gap in our conversations.

5. If not planning with regards to our money makes us foolish, why do you think so many of us don't pay attention to it?
6. Why do you think it's important in the context of a marriage to have conversations about money and to plan together?

What's Next?

The Bible says that the love of money is the root of all evil, not money itself. And sometimes we get that mixed up. Planning with regards to our money is a smart, biblical thing to do. And planning is not just for one person in a marriage relationship. It needs to involve both people equally.

This week, as you live out your faith, consider how you can plan with your money inside of your relationship, and additionally how you can engage God in your plan. Think about how you can step into your plan to experience freedom, instead of feeling trapped and suffocated when money is tight.