

THREE TO GET MARRIED

Modern Myths About Marriage & Money

Overview:

Before a couple decides how to use money in their marriage, it's important to explore how their practical views are similar and different. What are your long-term and short-term goals? How do you each respond emotionally to issues related to money and finances?

Things to Remember...

- ◆ Set goals you can both agree on and review them on a regular basis.
- ◆ Communicate!! Be open and honest with each other...remember the communication skills you learned: Expressing and Empathy.
- ◆ Make UNITY a goal! Your checkbook is a "gymnasium" where you can strengthen respect and trust in your relationship, so use it to unite you and don't let it divide you!
- ◆ Being willing to seek professional advice, if necessary, in setting and achieving appropriate and realistic financial goals.

Keep Learning!

Books:

- The Catholic Answers Guide to Family Finances by Philip Lenahan (Financial Foundation for the Family, 1996)
- Time Management for Catholics by Dave Durand (Sophia Institute Press, 2002)
- The Total Money Makeover: A Proven Plan for Financial Fitness by Dave Ramsey (Nelson Thomas, 2009)
- The Truth About Money, Third Edition by Rick Edelman (HarperBusiness, 2004)
- Why Enough Is Never Enough: Overcoming Worries About Money—A Catholic Approach. Gregory Jeffrey (Our Sunday Visitor, 2010)