

## Questionnaire: Money and Marriage

Please write out your own thoughts privately before sharing them with your future spouse.

1. Who is more qualified to handle a budget? Who will have the prime responsibility for maintaining our budget and paying our bills on time? Should we alternate, share together, or delegate to one person the responsibility for maintaining our budget?
  
2. Should we have shared accounts? If so, who gets to be “keeper” of the checkbook and balance it regularly?
  
3. What expense do I value most?
  
4. Do I think it is important to save money on a regular basis?
  
5. Name the top 2 things I want to spend money on (examples: vacations, food, electronics, etc?).
  - 1.
  
  - 2.
  
6. Name 2 things that I would be willing to cut out of my spending right now in order to save money.
  - 1.
  
  - 2.
  
7. Should we have debit cards? What restrictions should we place on their usage?
  
8. How many credit cards should we maintain? What restrictions should we place on their usage?

9. How much money would I feel comfortable spending without telling my spouse? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10. Should we have set allowances? How much?

11. Am I aware of my future spouse's debts? How do I feel about sharing the responsibility for his/her debts after we are married?

12. Do I think that my future spouse spends money prudently or foolishly? How do I respond to his/her spending habits?

13. Charitable giving: Will we, as a family, offer the "first fruits" of our labor to God? (the Church recommends a gift of 10% of our income by giving to our parish, church community, other charities, etc.) . Or do we view tithing as a "nice thing to do" and only if we have some extra money in the budget that particular month?

14. My financial goals for us as a couple for the next twelve months:

1.

2.

3.

15. My financial goals for us as a couple for the next five years:

1.

2.

3.

