

# ***Working Out Money Issues***

## ***Study Questions***

### **Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. It seems that most marriage face money issues. How can these issues help or hurt your relationship?
3. Many people misquote 1 Timothy 6:10 just like pastor's coworker. What might lead people to view money as being evil?
4. The Bible is very clear that the inappropriate attitude toward money is detrimental. What is significant about the two consequences identified in 1 Timothy 6:10.
5. What might be some reasons that couples would keep their finances separate? Pastor mentioned that this is often motivated by a desire to maintain control. Would you agree or disagree with this statement?
6. Jesus is very clear, see Luke 16:10, that our priorities in life will determine the choices that we make. What might be some ways that the priority of or desire for money could negatively impact a marriage?
7. John 13:34-35 speaks to the importance of relationships. It is our relationships that are a testimony that we are followers of Jesus. What would Biblical love look like in the area of marriage finances?
8. Pastor did not focus on this, but other unbiblical attitudes, put financial pressure on a marriage, like owing certain things. What are specific culture pressures that would add financial burden to a marriage?
9. Pastor shared four areas that could be "worked on" to make joint ownership a reality in your marriage. Which one stood out to you?

### **Digging Deeper**

10. Have an open talk with your spouse this week, apply last week's guidelines, about areas that may be hindering joint financial ownership in your marriage.

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## ***Happily Ever After***

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but giving everything you've got!"**

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*"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils."  
1 Timothy 6:10a ESV*

*"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs."  
1 Timothy 6:10 ESV*

**My Marriage Needs to be a \_\_\_\_\_ Ownership**

*"No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.""  
Luke 16:13 ESV*

*Jesus said this. "and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.'"*

*Matthew 19:5-6 ESV*

*“Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.””*  
*Luke 12:13 ESV*

*“And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.””*  
*Luke 12:15 ESV*

*Actually he said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.””*  
*John 13:34–35 ESV*

*“For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*  
*Matthew 6:32–33 ESV*

## **Making Joint Ownership a Reality**

**1. Shared Financial** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. Shared Financial** \_\_\_\_\_

*“But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”*  
*1 Timothy 5:8 ESV*

**4. Shared Financial** \_\_\_\_\_

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