

BETTER Together

PART 6: DOLLARS AND SENSE (SEAN SEAY)

INTRODUCTION

There's really no even debating it: one of the most divisive topics couples face today is differing perspectives about money. Consistently divorce attorneys say financial issues divide couples. It's an area where we lack trust and we struggle to communicate well. And let's face it: Most of us didn't learn much about managing money when we were growing up. It's an area of life where we tend to "figure it out" on our own. And for most people in our country, this hasn't led to a lot of peace in our financial world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did your parents teach you about money? Did they live on a budget?
2. How much did your parents argue about financial things? What did they do well financially?
3. What was your first or worst job? What made it bad?
4. What's your experience with debt? Cars, homes, education, other items?
5. For married couples, who is the nerd (saver) and free spirit (spender)? How has this created tension for you?
6. Have you been through Financial Peace University? Do you listen to Dave Ramsey on the radio? Who is a voice in your life helping you make wise financial decisions?
7. Do you use a money management system like YNAB? Do you have a way of tracking the money you spend? If not, what keeps you from doing this?
8. What is it about financial matters that creates tension in your relationship? What do you think would help?
9. What did you get out of Matt and Laurin's story? How did it impact or inspire you?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything. Riches and honor come from you alone, and you are the ruler of all mankind; your hand controls power and might, and it is at your discretion that men are made great and given strength.

-1 Chronicles 29