

Date Night!!!

5 Principles of Financial Wisdom:

1. God owns it all. Psalm 24:1
2. Set Long Term Goals. Proverbs 16:9
3. Spend less than you earn. Proverbs 13:11
4. Avoid the use of debt. Proverbs 22:7
5. Avoid a consumptive lifestyle. Ecclesiastes 5:10

I figured this month we would have you do an exercise with your spouse, significant other or just yourself. Enjoy!!

# Couples' Values Exercise

When our identity and security are rooted in Christ, money becomes something we manage well for His purposes. Money becomes a tool available for our use to accomplish those things God has placed on our hearts (as informed by His Word). As we gain clarity about the values we seek to live by, making wise money decisions becomes easier. Our values are the foundation for our stewardship and thus guide our decisions about money.

Through skillful and godly wisdom is a house (a life, a home, a family) built, and by understanding it is established [on a sound and good foundation], And by knowledge shall its chambers [of every area] be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

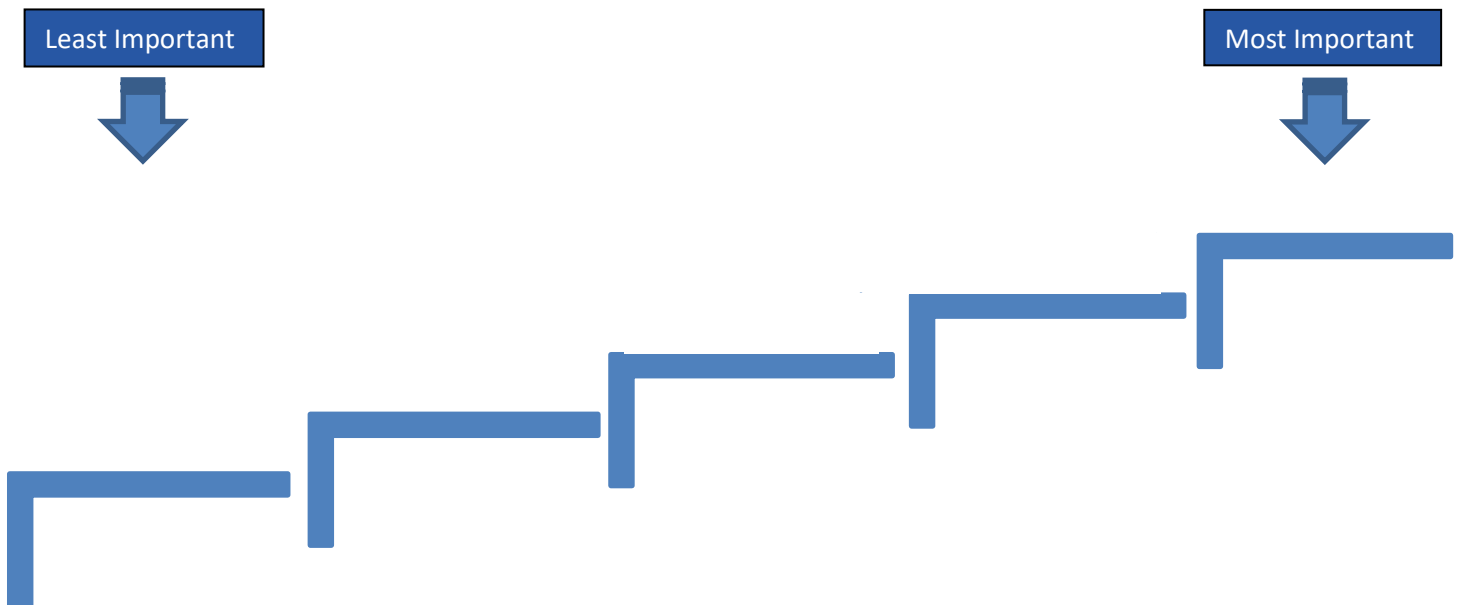
Proverbs 24:3-4 (AMPC)

**Values are our assessment of what's important in life, which ultimately guides how we manage**

## I. Husband & Wife Values

**Complete this section individually.**

When I think about managing the financial resources God has entrusted to us, what's most important to me? Write your own words or select from the word list below and rank from least important (left) to most important (right).



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|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Accountability | Contribution  | Dynamism       | Family     | Humility     | Patience     | Simplicity     |
| Accuracy       | Control       | Economy        | Fitness    | Independence | Peace        | Strength       |
| Achievement    | Cooperation   | Effectiveness  | Freedom    | Ingenuity    | Perseverance | Structure      |
| Adventure      | Courtesy      | Efficiency     | Fun        | Intelligence | Piety        | Success        |
| Assertiveness  | Creativity    | Empathy        | Generosity | Intuition    | Practicality | Support        |
| Balance        | Curiosity     | Enjoyment      | Goodness   | Joy          | Preparedness | Teamwork       |
| Belonging      | Decisiveness  | Enthusiasm     | Grace      | Justice      | Reliability  | Temperance     |
| Calmness       | Dependability | Equality       | Growth     | Leadership   | Resourceful  | Thankfulness   |
| Cheerfulness   | Determination | Excellence     | Happiness  | Legacy       | Restraint    | Thoughtfulness |
| Commitment     | Devoutness    | Expertise      | Hard Work  | Love         | Security     | Traditionalism |
| Community      | Diligence     | Exploration    | Health     | Loyalty      | Self-control | Trustworthy    |
| Compassion     | Discipline    | Expressiveness | Holiness   | Making a     | Selflessness | Truthfulness   |
| Consistency    | Discretion    | Fairness       | Honesty    | difference   | Sensitivity  |                |
| Contentment    | Diversity     | Faithfulness   | Honor      | Obedience    | Serenity     |                |

**II. Discuss as a couple:**

1. What stood out to you about my values list?

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2. How are our values similar? How are they different?

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3. Are there any areas where you feel your values are being challenged?

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4. How does this values conversation impact our family's goals?

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5. If we fully embraced these values, what will our life look like 10 years from now? How is God directing our steps?

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