

4 Tips For Fixing Financial Issues In Your Marriage

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MONEY AND MARRIAGE DON'T ALWAYS MIX WELL. In fact, financial issues are a *leading* stressor among marriages all over the globe! It has all sorts of emotions attached to it, and it means something different to every person. For some, it's security & freedom, and for others, it's a trophy of their success. Some people were raised to be generous with their money, & others were raised to hold on to it tightly and never let go.

No matter how you were raised, it's likely that your spouse was raised with *different* "money values" than you were. So, it's important that you and your spouse are a united front. Here are a few tips to help you stay on the same team:

1. Financial Issues Tip #1: Have a Weekly or Monthly Budget Meeting

Marriages can have business meetings, too! In fact, you should! Having a regular budget check-in ensures that together you tell your money where it is going, instead of your money telling you. This is a great time to make sure that all of your bills are on track to be paid on time, that you are putting enough in savings for your future, and that you are working toward paying off debt you may have.

2. Financial Issues Tip #2: Have Personal Spending Money

In our marriage, we call this "pocket money". The goal is that each of you gets a set amount of money per paycheck to spend freely. That way if you feel that you *HAVE* to have that new video game or you can't live without a drink from Starbucks, you *already have it budgeted* and you won't get into a fight with your spouse. You can even save up your entertainment money for something big. The one rule you *MUST* follow is, no judging or making comments about the way pocket money is spent.

3. Financial Issues Tip #3: Use the Phrase "OUR" Money

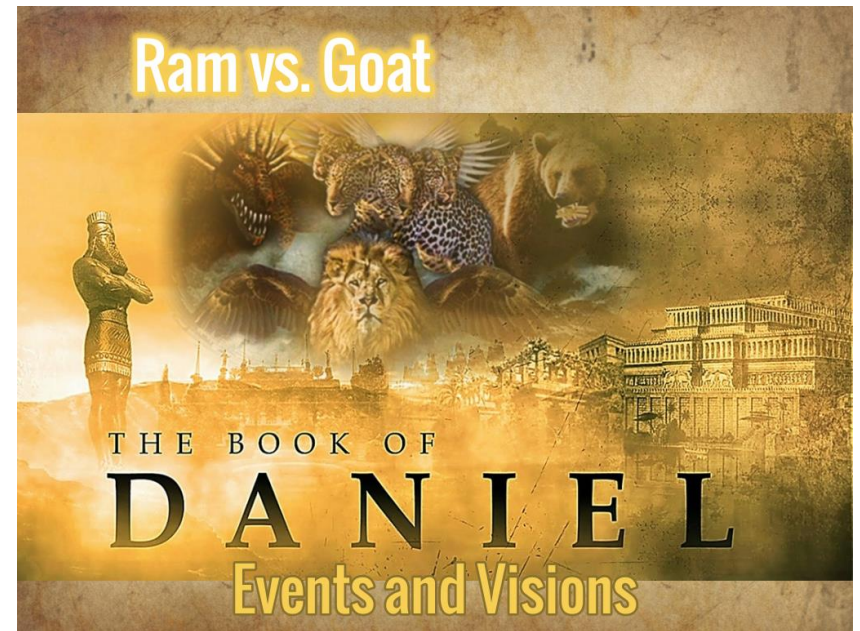
The quickest way to let money come in between you and your spouse is to start using phrases like "*It's my money and I can do whatever I want with it*". When you got married, you pledged your lifetime & everything that comes with that to your spouse, good or bad. When you use phrases like "*my money*," you are telling your spouse that there's something that comes *before* them, and that's not good. *You're in marriage together*, money and all. Don't forget You're a team.

4. Financial Issues Tip #4: Keep Open Communication

If you are feeling like you and your spouse are not handling your joint finances well, communicate about it! Keeping it to yourself causes bitterness and resentment to grow in your heart against your spouse, so make sure you're having regular conversations about your budget (*tip #1*) so that you are both on the same page!

Here are some connecting questions to get you started:

- Do you consider yourself a saver, a spender or a little of both?
- What does be financially comfortable look like to you?
- What one thing do you really want to purchase but can't afford?



WELCOME TO LAKEVIEW CHAPEL

Sunday, July 4, 2021 / Worship 10 AM

Welcome

Independence Day

Invocation

Song

King of Kings

Song

O Praise the Name

Song

Is He Worthy

Announcements

Scripture Reading

Daniel 8

Linda

Worship Prayer

Chad

Sermon

Ram vs. Goat

Pastor Dave Havener

Song

What A Beautiful Name

Communion

Song

O How I Love Jesus

Benediction

Sermons are available online at: <https://www.lakeviewwego.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/lakeviewwego>

Events and Information

SAVE THE DATE! – Eric’s family is pleased to announce that he graduated from Owego Free Academy and will be joining the Navy! Let’s celebrate, congratulate, & give him a great send off on Saturday, July 10th at Lakeview from 2 PM to 6 PM.

LUNCH ON THE GO - Lakeview will provide Lunch on The Go next Sunday, July 11th following the morning service. If you would like to help, please see Kelly.

CHANGE FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN – Thank you to everyone who filled baby bottles or donated online. If you haven’t returned your baby bottle, please bring it to the church office by Wednesday. Bottles can also be dropped off at the Life Choice Center located at 93 Oak Street in Binghamton.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – The Red Cross will hold a blood drive Thursday, July 29th from 1 PM to 6 PM at Lakeview. You can call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment. Please pass the information along to others that might have interest.

SUMMER JUNIOR CHURCH & NURSERY – Summer Junior Church is for children who are in Pre-School up to kindergarten. We also have a nursery service for infants up to 3 years old. Older children are asked to remain in church for the service. Thank you!

JUNIOR CHURCH & NURSERY HELP – Want to make an impact on a child’s life? Why not join the Junior Church or the Nursery Team! Please see Patti if interested.

PreK to K., Junior Church, & Nursery

This Sunday – July 4th

Junior Church Worker
Nursery Workers

Patti
Gen & Melissa

Next Sunday – July 11th

Junior Church Worker
Nursery Workers

To Be Announced
Sandy & Patti

Youth Programs

IMPACT - Teen Group (6th–12th grade) meets every Wednesday night from 6:30 PM – 8 PM at Lakeview.

SUMMER NIGHTS WITH JESUS – For kids of all ages including teens! Invite your friends! Please see Melissa or Patti for more information.

NEXT SUMMER NIGHTS WITH JESUS EVENTS:

Pizza and Board games July 14th 6:30 PM at Lakeview!

Water Fun Night July 30th 5:30 PM at Lakeview! Bring a lawn chair. Sign up before July 18th at the back of the church.

This Weeks Calendar

Monday	5:30 PM	MOPS Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Small Group
	6:30 PM	Couples Small Group
Wednesday	6:30 PM	IMPACT Teen Group
	6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting
	6:30 PM	Men’s Bible Study
Thursday	6:00 PM	Administrative Board Meeting
Friday	7:00 PM	Adult Small Group
Saturday	2 PM	Graduation/Navy Ship Off Celebration

**We are building a community of faith in God
that LIVES WELL but not by SIGHT.**

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.
Psalm 33:12 (NKJV)**