**Week 5 - Compass - Finances God’s Way Map (Part 3) & Conflict Resolution**

Day 1 - Homework (“One Anothers” & “Real Love”)

**Complete Setting Your Goals on pages 118 - 123**

1. As a couple, what did you learn while completing this together? How will this influence how you spend money?

The “One Anothers”

1. Describe how faithful you were to apply the *one another* you selected last week, and the impact it had on you and your spouse.
2. Which “one anothers” verse (pages 37-38) did you and your spouse select to apply in your marriage this week?

*Our “one another” verse for this week:*

“Real Love”

1. Describe the benefits of focusing on practicing the “Real Love” verse you selected last week on page 45.
2. Which description of love (pages 38-39) did you and your spouse choose to practice in your marriage this week?

*Our description of love to apply this week:*

1. What do you hope to experience by practising this dimension of love?

Day 2 - Homework (Investing)

**Read Pg 104 “Begin to Invest Wisely” to 106 “Begin to Invest Wisely - Do not Gamble”**

Read Proverbs 21: 5

*The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to want.*

Proverbs 24: 27

*Prepare your work outside, get everything ready for you in the field; and after that build your house.*

Proverbs 24: 23-24

*These also are sayings of the wise: Partiality in judging is not good. Whoever says to the wicked, “You are innocent,” will be cursed by peoples, abhorred by nations;*

Ecclesiastes 11: 2

*Divide your means seven ways, or even eight, for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth.*

1. What investment principle(s) can you learn from each of these verses and how will you apply each of them?

**Gambling**

1. What motivates people to gamble, and do you think these motives please the Lord? Why?
2. What is the worst thing that can happen to a marriage when a spouse gambles? Do you think that gamling is worth this risk?

Day 3 - Homework (Inheritance)

**Read 106 “Estate is in Order” to Pg 107 “Inheritances”**

Read Genesis 24: 35-36

*The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has.*

Proverbs 13: 22

*The good leave an inheritance to their children’s children, but the sinner’s wealth is laid up for the righteous.*

**2 Corinthians 12: 14**

*Here I am, ready to come to you this third time. And I will not be a burden, because I do not want what is yours but you; for children ought not to lay up for their parents, but parents for their children.*

1. Should parents attempt to leave a material inheritance to their children? How are you going to implement this principle?
2. Why do you think it is important for couples to have a will or living trust?

Read GRAVISSIMUM EDUCATIONIS, 3 (Pope Paul VI, October 29, 1965)

*3. The Authors of Education*

*Since parents have given children their life, they are bound by the most serious obligation to educate their offspring and therefore must be recognized as the primary and principal educators.This role in education is so important that only with difficulty can it be supplied where it is lacking. Parents are the ones who must create a family atmosphere animated by love and respect for God and man, in which the well-rounded personal and social education of children is fostered. Hence the family is the first school of the social virtues that every society needs. It is particularly in the Christian family, enriched by the grace and office of the sacrament of matrimony, that children should be taught from their early years to have a knowledge of God according to the faith received in Baptism, to worship Him, and to love their neighbor. Here, too, they find their first experience of a wholesome human society and of the Church. Finally, it is through the family that they are gradually led to a companionship with their fellowmen and with the people of God. Let parents, then, recognize the inestimable importance a truly Christian family has for the life and progress of God's own people.*

1. What do you think is important for couples to pass on to their children?

Day 4 - Homework (Conflict Resolution)

**Read Pg 107 “Conflict Resolution” to Pg 111 “Conflict Resolution - Factor #2”**

**Optional Reading Pg 112 to 117**

Read Proverbs 19: 13

*A stupid child is ruin to a father, and a wife’s quarreling is a continual dripping of rain*

James 3: 6

*And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.*

1. These verses apply to both husband and wife. What do they say to you about conflict and what can escalate it?

Read Proverbs 15: 1

*A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*

Ephesians 4: 29

*Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.*

1. What do these passages say about defusing conflict with your spouse? Do you practice this? If not, describe how will you begin?

Read Ephesians 4: 26

*Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,*

1. How will you apply this instruction when you and your spouse are dealing with an emotional conflict?

Read 1 Corinthians 13: 5

*or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;*

1. What does this verse say about dealing with past wrongs?
2. Do you bring up past incidences and use them against your mate? If so, has this been productive in solving conflict? What will you do in future?

Day 5 - Homework (Forgiveness)

**Read Pg 111 “Forgiveness”**

Read Matthew 18: 21-22

*Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.*

Luke 23: 32-34

*Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing.*

1. What did Jesus Christ say about forgiveness and describe how He modeled it?

Read Matthew 18: 32-35

*Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”*

1. At the end of this parable, what did the Lord say to those who do not forgive?
2. Do you usually ask for forgiveness from your spouse when you are in the wrong? If not, what will you do to begin?
3. How do you think you and your spouse can improve forgiving one another and graciously accepting an apology?

Day 6 - Homework (Once and for all Decisions)

1. What areas were the most helpful for you and why?
2. How will you seek to apply what you learnt?
3. What was the “once and for all decision” you and your spouse identified this week, and why did you choose it? (Read pg 39 if you need to review the once and for all decisions.)

*Once and for all decision:*

*Please write your prayer requests in your prayer log before coming to class.*