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Apart from your decision to serve the Lord, your choice of a marriage partner will likely affect your future more than any other decision. Chapter 15 discusses one aspect of choosing a spouse—that of a compatible vision for finances.

Read Chapter 15: “Money and Marriage” (pp. 113-119).

Reading for Understanding

Circle the letter(s) of the correct answer(s).

1. Which two things about Ronald’s spending habits bothered Jane the most?
 - a. that he did not buy her gifts
 - b. that he bought expensive items
 - c. that he could not resist spending his money
 - d. that he had a smooth explanation for each purchase
2. The author stated that Ronald “can probably explain why it is all someone else’s fault.” What deeper problem probably fueled his lack of financial control?
 - a. He was never paid fairly.
 - b. He had been influenced by ungodly friends.
 - c. His parents must have failed to train him properly.
 - d. He had never learned to take responsibility for his actions.
3. Based on what you know of Ronald’s character, which two of the following situations would likely be part of his life?
 - a. He puts hobbies ahead of his family.
 - b. He consistently has meaningful personal devotions.
 - c. His wife regularly reminds him to fix the washing machine.
 - d. His minister depends on him to help organize outreach activities.

Complete each exercise.

4. Ronald didn’t understand why it was such a big deal how a man spent a few dollars. Did Jesus have the same opinion? Explain your answer.

- 5. The textbook lists some situations where conflict can occur because a husband and wife have different financial backgrounds; for example, basing menu selections on price rather than what looks good to eat. List two or three more potential points of conflict not mentioned in the textbook.

Complete each exercise.

6. List two things that will help a husband and wife from different backgrounds resolve differences in financial perspective.

7. Page 116 of the textbook lists several questions about finances that a couple could discuss. State four categories that cover these questions.

8. Summarize two reasons owning a home may not be as wise as renting.

Proverb for the Day

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established” (Proverbs 24:3).

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

9. Which statement best relates the verse to the lesson?
- a. Only wise, mature Christians should consider marriage.
 - b. A stable, godly home is based on knowing and obeying God.
 - c. We need wisdom to know when to rent a house or to build one.
 - d. A well-constructed house is built by using blueprints and good building methods.