

A House Divided by Money

Mark 3:23-25 (NIV)

²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

Divorce is an issue in our community.

Divorce is not just a breakup between a husband and wife. It is actually the ripping apart of two souls that have become one.

Divorce not only impacts the adults, but also their children.

One of the leading causes for divorce is when husbands and wives become divided over money.

I.

Everyone has a money personality.

Money personalities are influenced by our upbringing and life experiences.

Houses divide when there is no agreement on how to handle money.

Amos 3:3 (NLT) says, “*Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?*”

II.

However, oftentimes money problems in marriage are only the tip of the iceberg.

Beneath the surface are the husband and wife’s unmet needs.

According to Dr. Ronn Elmore in his books on “How to love a black woman” and “How to love a black man”, women need to feel secure, and men need to feel respected.

Consider *Ephesians 5:21-33*

III.

One way to transform marriages that have divided over money is to address the past, present, and future.

Both asking for and extending forgiveness is necessary for any marriage to heal from past_hurts.

James 5:16 (TLB) says, *“Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results.”*

Improve the present by learning how to effectively communicate our concerns with one another.

Plan your preferred financial future together.