

## A COUPLE'S SPENDING PRIORITIES CHECKLIST

Rank the following 1 through 10. In light of your current situation in life, which of the following is your highest priority for allotting money to? Label that item #1. Which is the next highest? Label it #2. Etc.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Savings/investments
- \_\_\_\_\_ Giving to the Lord's work
- \_\_\_\_\_ Education for self or spouse
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paying off debt
- \_\_\_\_\_ Housing (rent, mortgage, utilities, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Car(s)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recreation, travel, leisure-time activities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Expenditures and/or savings for children
- \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance (of any kind)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food (meals at home, eating out)

When both you and your spouse have finished filling out your forms independently of each other, compare the results and discuss them. Where do you most agree and why? Where do you most disagree and why? What will you do peacefully and constructively in order to come to more agreement on the areas in which you disagree?

Are there other major categories of spending that are priorities for one or both of you not found on this list? If so, what are they and how much in agreement are you on their role? What differences of opinion do you need to add to your list of things to talk about?