

God's Design for Marriage

Parenting



Conflict Resolution

Application review from last week:

Personal relationship with the Lord

Encourage one another to walk with the Lord

Be quick to forgive

Be careful to give biblical advice

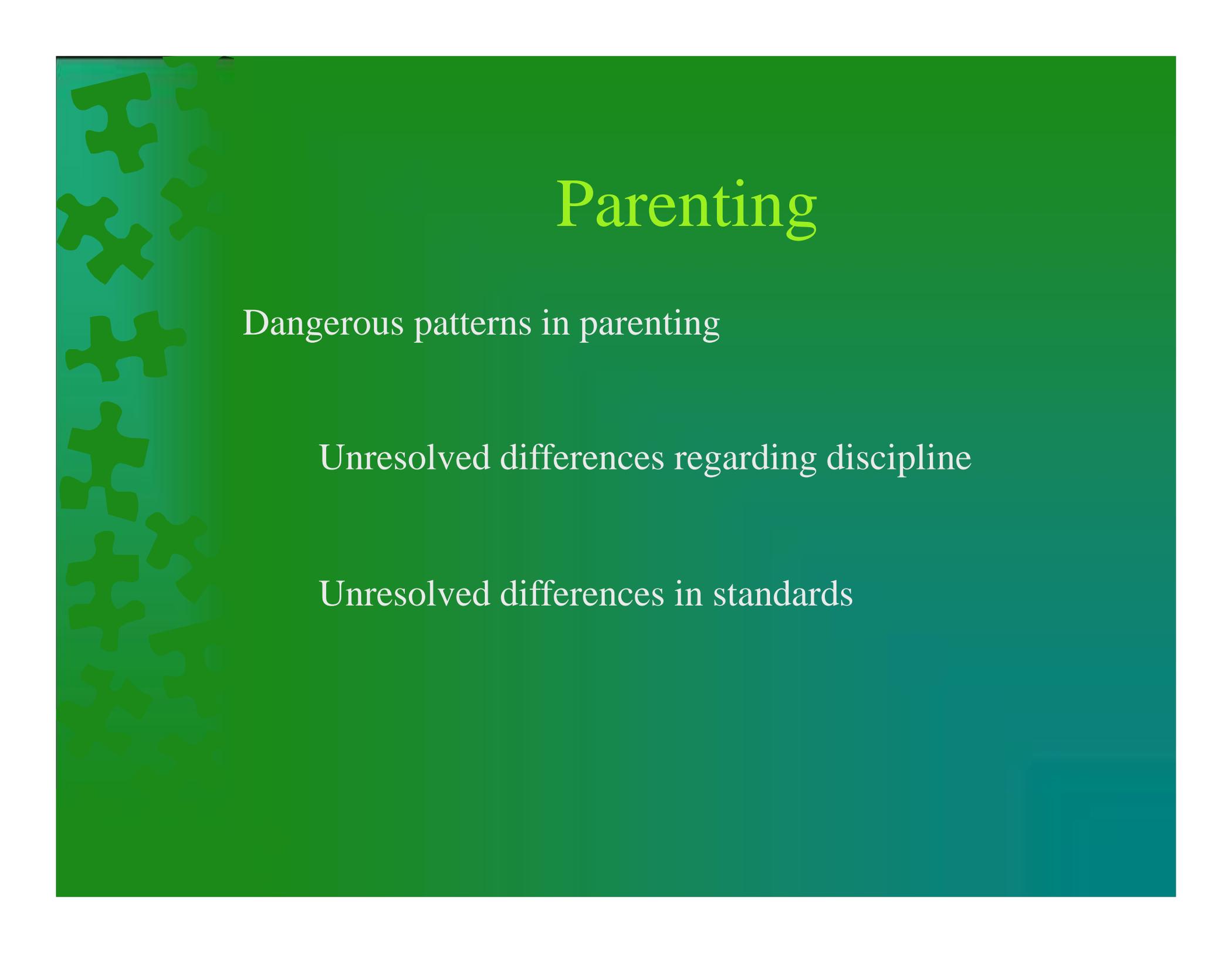
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Potential conflict in child rearing

How were you raised?

How did you respond to discipline?

Are you more lenient or strict compared to your spouse?



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Dangerous patterns in parenting

Unresolved differences regarding discipline

Unresolved differences in standards

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Some Warning Signs

You disagree in front of the kids

You compensate for your spouse by changing the discipline

Your frustration is growing towards your spouse

You talk about your spouse in a negative way to your children

Your relationship with your kids is better than your relationship with your spouse

Husbands listen both to the child's side of the story and his wife's to determine who is right



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Steps for resolving these problems

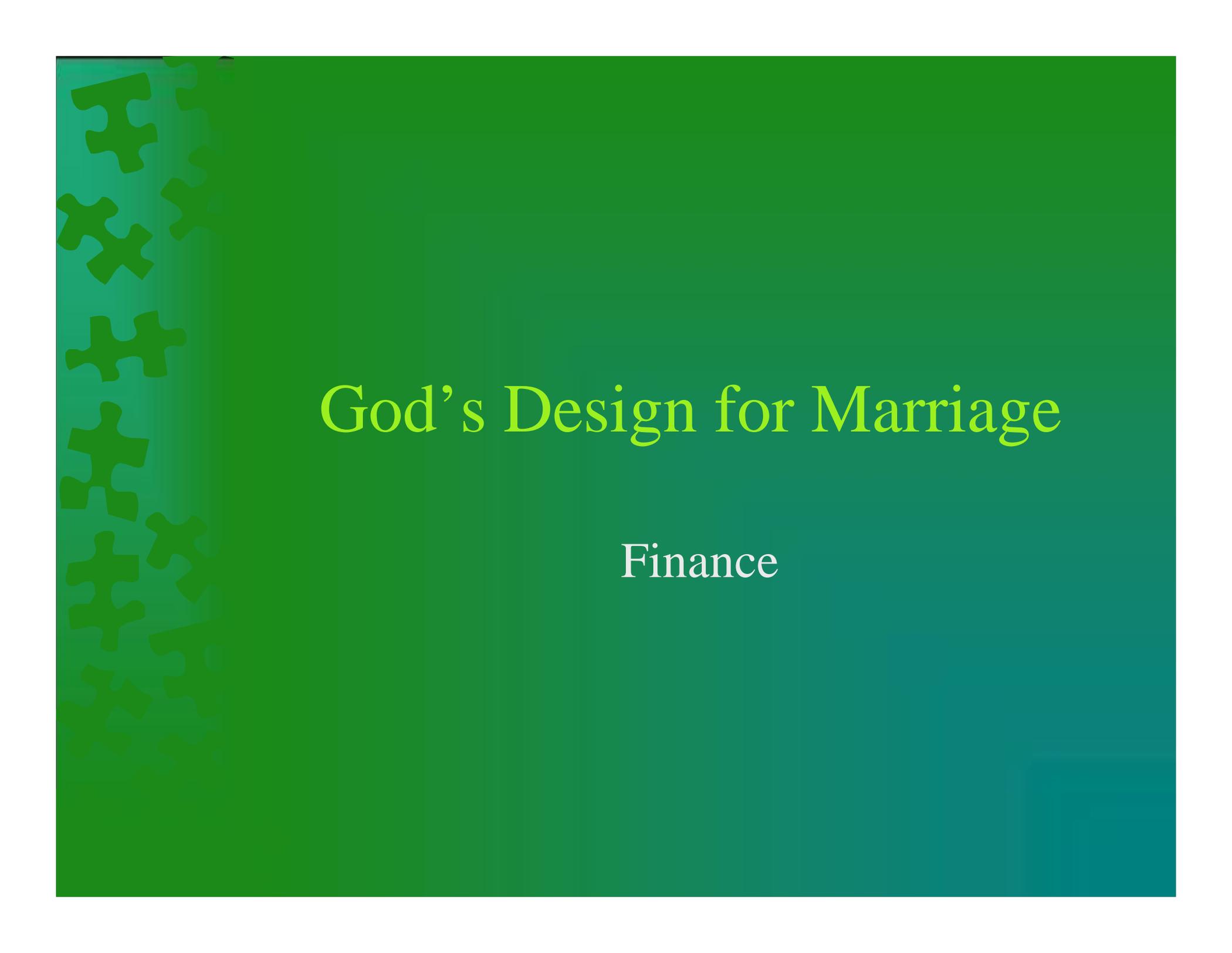
Desire God's standards above your own

Study the Scriptures together to determine biblical principles for parenting

Seek wise counsel

Maintain your biblical role in the midst of the challenges

Maintain your testimony



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What are your spending habits?

Frugal

Free Spending

Generous

Stingy

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A warning!

1 Timothy 6:10

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

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Working and Eating

2 Thessalonians 3:10

¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.

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Family Provision

1 Timothy 5:8

"But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

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Budgeting and Savings

Proverbs 21:20

"In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has."

Proverbs 21:5

"The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty."

Proverbs 6:6–8

"Go to the ant, O sluggard, observe her ways and be wise, which, having no chief, officer or ruler, prepares her food in the summer and gathers her provision in the harvest."

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Debt

Romans 13:8

⁸ Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

Proverbs 22:7

"The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender."

Psalms 37:21

²¹ The wicked borrows and does not pay back, But the righteous is gracious and gives.

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Generosity

Acts 20:35

³⁵ “In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

1 John 3:17

¹⁷ But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

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Generosity

1 Timothy 6:17–19

¹⁷ Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

¹⁸ Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

¹⁹ storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

Proverbs 19:17

¹⁷ One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD, And He will repay him for his good deed.

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Generosity

2 Corinthians 8:1–5

¹ Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia,

² that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.

³ For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord,

⁴ begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints,

⁵ and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

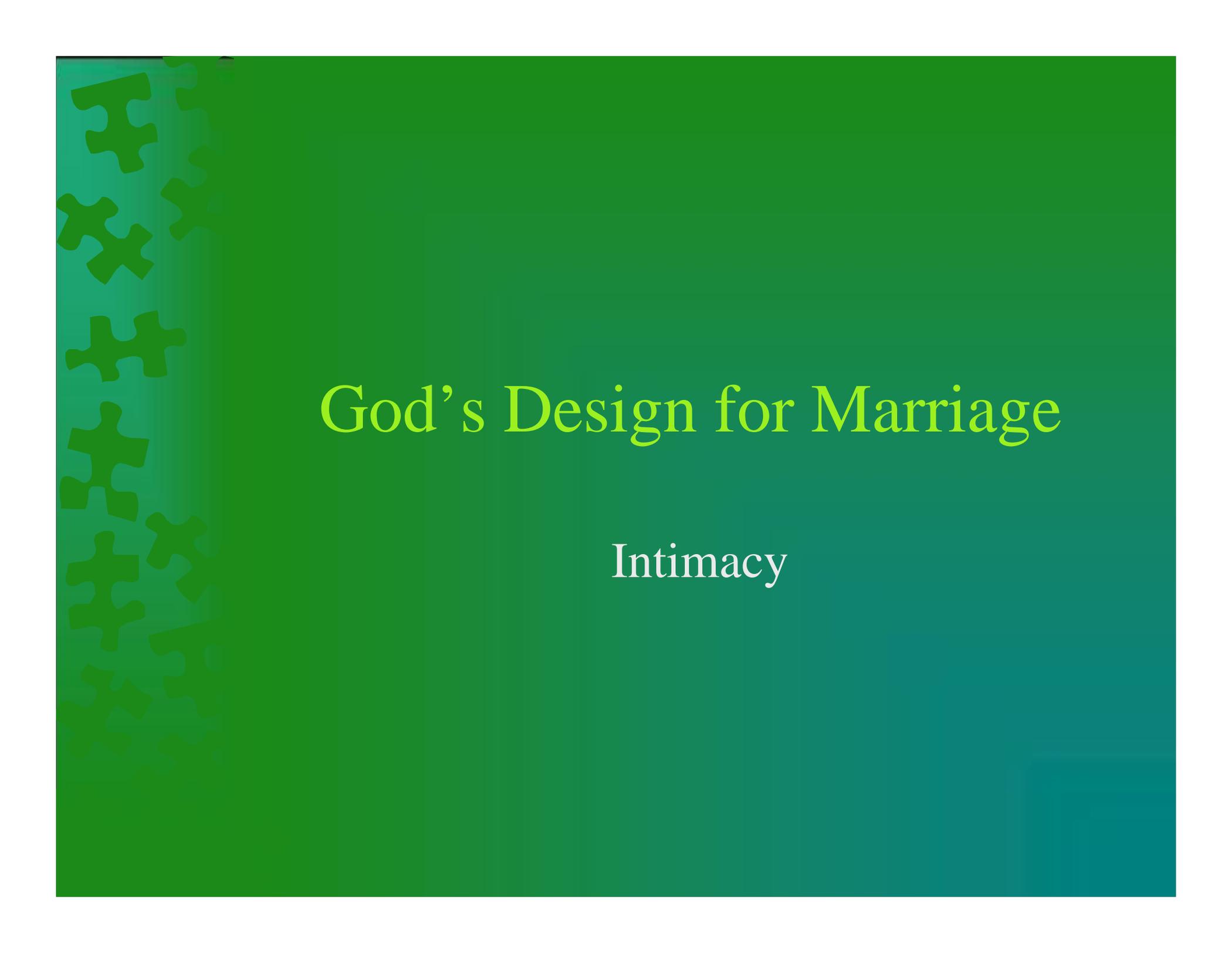
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2 Corinthians 9:6–7

⁶ Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

⁷ Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



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Intimacy

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Physical Intimacy

“In the words of Dwight Hervey Small, they (sexual relations) are a means of expressing, establishing, confirming, enhancing, and nourishing ‘the complete oneness of two persons in married love.’” Recorded in *Strengthening Your Marriage* Wayne Mack p. 120

“Real love can’t wait to give, while selfish lust can’t wait to get. Dennis Rainey *Lonely Husbands, Lonely Wives* p. 253

Intimacy

Barriers to Physical Intimacy

Relationships that are not Biblically defined

Knowledge of biblical roles but a lack of application

Sinful patterns

Poor communication

Time – unreasonable schedules

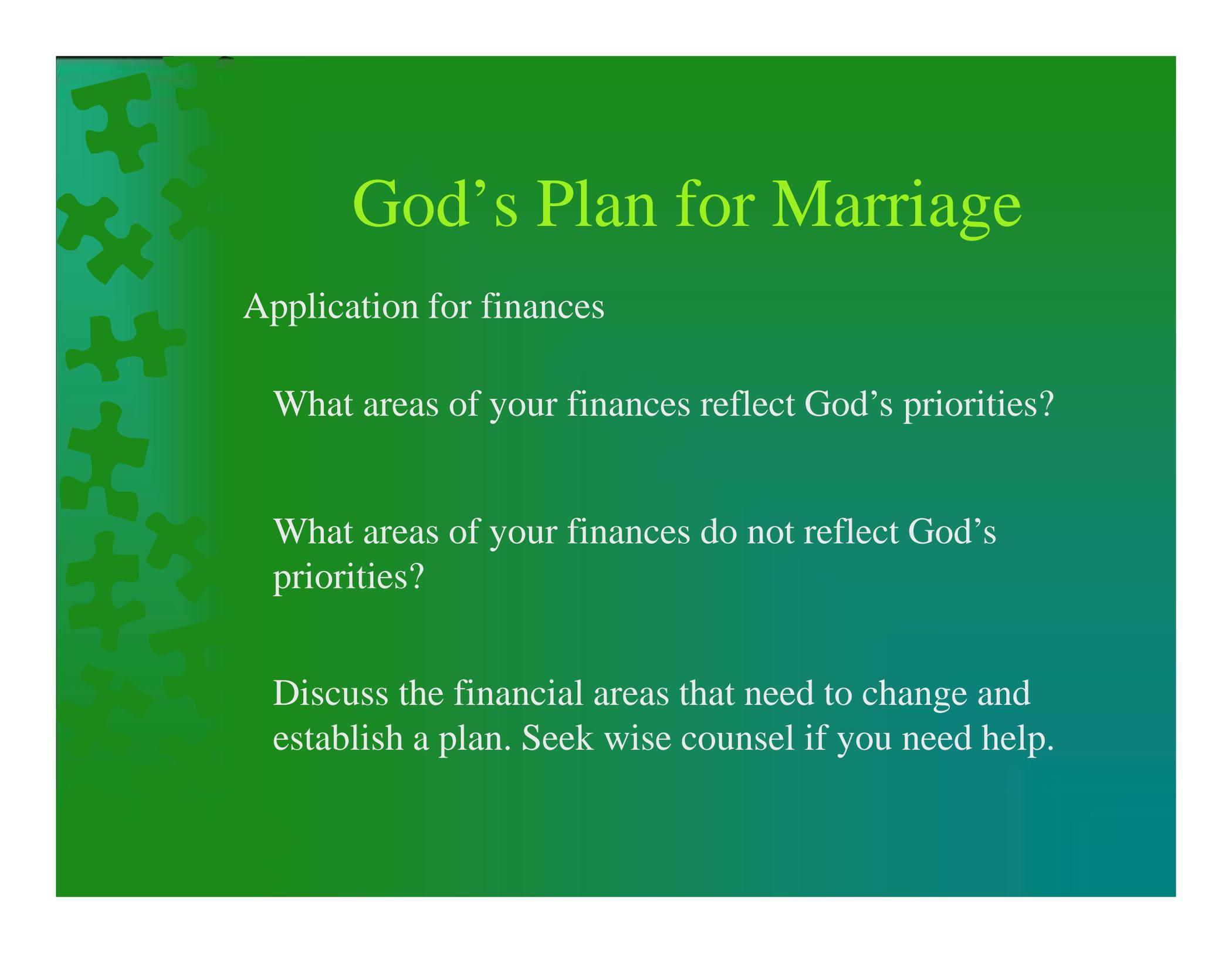
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Application for parenting

Where do you agree with your spouse concerning discipline and standards for your personal lives and children?

Where do you disagree with your spouse concerning discipline and standards for your personal lives and children?

If you have not discussed the differences, you must not only discuss them but come to a working, God-honoring agreement!



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Application for finances

What areas of your finances reflect God's priorities?

What areas of your finances do not reflect God's priorities?

Discuss the financial areas that need to change and establish a plan. Seek wise counsel if you need help.