

HOW TO WRITE THE PRESENTATION

The DIALOGUE QUESTIONS listed in each talk are for written reflection and dialogue by the presenting couple. Allow enough time to do a thorough job. Once this is done the OUTLINE FOR PRESENTATION will serve as a guideline for putting the feelings and thoughts expressed in answering the questions into an honest and open presentation. Twenty minutes is a good time length to work toward.

Make sure there are feeling words and concrete examples in the talk. If there is something you simply can't share at this time, work with the other questions or something that might occur to you because of the topic. These are only guidelines meant to help you look at your vivencia. Use personal pronouns, I, we, etc., and avoid lecturing or teaching. Again, it is the personal experience of what you learned or perceived that is valid in this type of talk.

We, the Image Training Team for Milwaukee Marriage Encounter, will go on record as saying the greatest personal growth takes place when we take on a topic that is somewhat "touchy". We promise growth in confidence and in other areas of your married life as you become a presenting couple.

HDIF - How do I feel?

HDIFAT - How do I feel about that?

HDTMMF - How does that make me feel?

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU, BUT....

PURPOSE: To examine the role money plays in our relationship.

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS BEFORE WRITING PRESENTATION:

Before preparing your presentation, answer the following questions in writing and then dialogue on them.

1. How important was money or a lack of it in my own family? Was it a source of friction? HDTMMF?
2. How do my views about money differ from those of my spouse?
3. How frequently is money a source of friction between us?
4. Am I a spender or a saver? HDIFAT?
5. How do we share the financial responsibilities in our relationship?
6. Do I accept "where we're at" financially? Why/why not?
7. HDIF about debt? Why?
8. How do we set aside money for recreation? For contributions? For the future? Prioritize them.
9. What attitudes about money have we passed along to our children?
10. Do our children have similar attitudes about money? What are the differences? Does this cause friction between them?
11. Do I have feelings of guilt or envy about our financial situation when I compare it to those of our friends? Our relatives? Describe them.
12. What benefits do I see in planning for the future? A budget? A will? HDTMMF?

TELEPHONE QUESTION FOR COUPLES:

Ask them to dialogue on question number two.

OUTLINE FOR PRESENTATION:

Suggested time for your presentation is twenty minutes.

I Introduction

State the purpose of the talk as given above.

II Body

- A. Describe the attitudes and feelings that each of you brought from your own background about money. Are they alike? Are they conflicting?
- B. How do I deal with money conflicts now? Do I save or spend? What values am I passing on to our children?
- C. HDIF about "where we're at" financially?
- D. Do we have a financial plan for the future? If not, why not? If so, HDIF about those plans?

III Conclusion

How has writing this talk helped me put money in its proper perspective? How has it helped me to understand our feelings about money?

SHARING QUESTION FOR THE MEETING (BEFORE PRESENTATION):

HDIF about the way we handle money?

DIALOGUE QUESTION FOR THE MEETING (AFTER PRESENTATION):

HDIF about the way we communicate about money? Name one way we can improve our dialogue on finances.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 12:27-34