



Resource List: Family & Personal Finances

The resources listed below align with Focus on the Family's philosophy and mission. We trust you will find them helpful. If you would like to obtain any of these items, call us toll free at 1-800-A-FAMILY, or visit our online store at store.focusonthefamily.com. (The information is regularly updated, but there is still the possibility that an item originally available from Focus on the Family might now be unavailable.) You may also be interested in the content posted on our website at focusonthefamily.com.

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Books

- 7 Money Rules for Life: How to Take Control of Your Financial Future** by Mary Hunt (2013) • 9780800722531 •
Learn how to transform your financial future from shaky to solid with tips on spending, giving, saving, and borrowing.
- The 21-Day Financial Fast: Your Path to Financial Peace and Freedom** by Michelle Singletary (2013) • 9780310338338 •
Over 21 days, you can learn to break bad spending habits, become debt-free, save, and other essential skills.
- The Abundant Marriage** by Focus on the Family (2014) • 9780764216589 •
God created a man and a woman to have a shared ministry, and one of the ways you can achieve joy in your marriage is by practicing stewardship. This Bible study will help you better manage the resources God has entrusted to you.
- Cheaper, Better, Faster: Over 2,000 Tips and Tricks to Save You Time and Money Every Day** by Mary Hunt (2012)
• 9780800721442 •
Find hints on topics ranging from housekeeping to buying cars, all to help you cut cost and chaos.
- Complete Guide to Faith-Based Family Finances** by Ron Blue and Jeremy White (2008) • 9781414323909 •
Laying a solid foundation for financial health, this accessible guide offers wise counsel on money management, charitable giving, investments, debt management, and retirement.
- Debt-Proof Living: How to Get Out of Debt & Stay That Way** by Mary Hunt (2014) • 9780800721459 •
Hunt discusses aspects of financial health, and she offers steps for creating a budget, repaying debt, and building a stronger financial future.
- Financial Peace Revisited** by Dave Ramsey (2003) • 9780670032082 •
Ramsey gives you tools to understand why you're in debt, to create a workable budget, to set achievable goals, and to make things right for you and your family—spiritually, emotionally, and financially.
- The Financially Confident Woman** by Mary Hunt (2015) • 9780800721466 •
Hunt shares nine habits: giving, saving, investing, rejecting unsecured debt, living below your means, preparing for emergencies, knowing your financial condition, getting what you pay for, and having eyes for the future.
- First Comes Love, Then Comes Money** by Bethany and Scott Palmer (2009) • 9780061649912 •
Conflicts about money are a primary marriage stressor. But with basic financial communication skills, you can learn how to talk about money and work together to build a solid financial future.

Is College Worth It? by William Bennett and David Wilezol (2013) • 9781595552792 •

Subtitle: A former United States Secretary of Education and a liberal arts graduate expose the broken promise of higher education.

Managing God's Money: A Biblical Guide by Randy Alcorn (2011) • 9781414345536 •

Alcorn uses Scripture to explain how we should view and handle the money God entrusts to us—whether the issue is saving, spending, managing debt, tithing, giving, retirement, gambling, inheritances, or another topic related to finance.

The Money Answer Book by Dave Ramsey (2010) • 9781404187795 •

Answering over 100 of your financial questions, Ramsey covers budgeting, retirement planning, saving, spending, debt, and many other topics.

Money Matters for Kids by Larry Burkett and K. Christie Bowler (2001) • 9780802446350 • ages 8-12

Filled with jokes, puzzles, and cool facts about earning, giving, saving, and spending, this workbook will help your child manage their money instead of it managing them.

Money Saving Mom's Budget by Crystal Paine (2011) • 9781451646207 •

The subtitle says it all: "Slash your spending, pay down your debt, streamline your life, and save thousands a year."

Raising Financially Confident Kids by Mary Hunt (2012) • 9780800721411 •

Teaching kids how to handle money is critical—but for many parents, it's an afterthought. Whether you don't know where to start or don't feel confident about your *own* money habits, Hunt offers tips about helping your child develop money management skills, from preschool through the teen years.

The Smart Woman's Guide to Planning for Retirement by Mary Hunt (2013) • 9780800723927 •

Hunt shares easy-to-understand wisdom about saving for retirement—covering practical matters of debt, creating a spending plan, working with a financial planner, and more.

Splitting Heirs by Ron Blue and Jeremy White (2008) • 9780802413765 •

This biblically based book explains the relational and spiritual dimensions of wealth transfer. It also includes worksheets and question-and-answer sections.

Surviving Financial Meltdown by Ron Blue and Jeremy White (2009) • 9781414329956 •

In our troubled economy, most of us are looking for practical help and deeper spiritual perspective. Blue and White answer your questions, help you make wise decisions, and offer advice about planning for the future.

The Total Money Makeover: A Proven Plan for Financial Fitness by Dave Ramsey (2013) • 978159555274 •

Ramsey exposes the deception of the "American dream" and takes readers through a nuts and bolts plan to get rid of debt and find financial well-being.

The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn (2008) • 9781590525081 •

Alcorn draws from biblical wisdom to help you discover the joy of glorifying God and blessing others by *giving*.

Your Kids Can Master Their Money by Ron Blue, Judy Blue, and Jeremy White (2006) • 9781589971912 •

Teaching your kids the value of a dollar can be surprisingly easy—and fun! The tools are all here, including a number of creative learning activities.

Your Money After the Big 5-0: Wealth for the Second Half of Life by Larry Burkett and Ron Blue (2007) • 9780805444322 •

This resource can help make your retirement planning successful—regardless of how much or how little you've saved to this point. Find answers to a number of topics common to midlife as you seek to ensure your family is provided for.

Your Money God's Way: Overcoming the 7 Money Myths That Keep Christians Broke by Amie Streater (2010) • 9781595552327 •

Overcome poor habits and learn to make better choices so you can walk in financial peace. Streater shares her personal experience with eliminating debt to encourage others with practical tips, real-life examples, and budgeting plans.

Broadcasts

Answering Your Financial Questions – I, II (Dave Ramsey) • 9781624712807 •

Ramsey discusses basic principles of how to budget, create an emergency account, get out of doubt, afford for mom to stay at home, pay for a child's college education, and more. He also talks about the importance of tithing.

Avoiding Common Financial Mistakes (Mary Hunt) • 9781624715785 •

Hunt addresses common financial mistakes such as living on credit, living an overstated life, stripping homes of equity, raiding retirement accounts early, taking out college loans, and procrastination.

Budgeting for Back-to-School Spending (Scott and Bethany Palmer) • 9781624716713 •

Learn to teach children about money management while preparing for school. The Palmers also give advice for when and how to allow tweens and teens to start making their own money decisions for school.

Building a Secure Financial Future With Your Spouse (Scott and Bethany Palmer) • 9781624714306 •

The Palmers discuss different money personalities—saver, spender, risk taker, security seeker, and flyer—and encourage couples to recognize each other's differences and work toward financial harmony in their marriage.

Celebrating Christmas Without Going Into Debt (Mary Hunt) • 9781624711930 •

Hunt shares from her book *Debt-Proof Your Christmas*, and offers practical ways to budget and deal with common dilemmas of gift-giving. Help your family focus on the *real* joy of creating memories and celebrating our Lord's birth.

Defeating the Attitudes That Keep You in Debt (Mary Hunt) • 9781624719493 •

Hunt tells her experience of having built up overwhelming debt and then working to eliminate it. She explains the importance of determination, and she offers practical ideas on how to debt-proof our lives.

Fasting for a Financially Fit Future – I, II (Michelle Singletary) • 9781624718991 •

Singletary, a financial columnist, shares from her book *The 21-Day Financial Fast*. She describes her experiences with poverty and the fears she had to overcome regarding money. Whether you're rich, poor, or somewhere in between, you can begin to make better choices for your financial future.

Financial Advice for Young Couples – I, II (Scott and Bethany Palmer) • 9781624710599 •

Sharing principles from their book *First Comes Love, Then Comes Money*, the Palmers talk to newlyweds about how to effectively communicate about money.

Getting Control of Your Finances (Mary Hunt) • 9781624711459 •

Hunt's compulsive spending led to \$100,000 in credit card debt. After crying out to God for mercy, He transformed her life, and she and her family repaid their debt and began Debt-Proof Living. Here she shares tips from her book *7 Money Rules for Life*.

Giving It Away: An Investment in Eternity (Randy Alcorn) • 9781624714603 •

"You can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead." Alcorn elaborates on the truth that earthly treasures will be lost, but whatever we put into God's hands will be used for His eternal glory.

Making Your Money Last – I, II (Dave Ramsey) • 9781624714214 •

Midlife and beyond can be the most productive time in a person's life. Ramsey talks about preparing for and living well during retirement, covering everything from estate plans to Social Security to insurance needs.

Managing Your Finances at Christmastime (Scott and Bethany Palmer) • 9781624715433 •

The Palmers offer advice on making Christmas a joyful holiday, not a financial disaster—from creating a spending plan, to teaching children how to be gracious gift receivers, to finding ways to serve others in need during the season.

Questioning the Value of College (Dr. Bill Bennett) • 9781624716539 •

Bennett challenges the assumption that most high school graduates need a college education to succeed. He cautions parents to consider all the options before plunging into debt or wasted years in a university experience.

Saving Money on Everyday Expenses (Crystal Paine) • 9781624716430 •

Paine shares how she and her husband survived on a small, weekly grocery budget while he went through law school, and how they were able to buy their first home with cash. She explains the importance of financial goals.

Saving Money on Your Food Bill (Jonni McCoy) • 9781624715037 •

Author of *Miserly Moms*, McCoy explains how to save money by making simple meals from scratch. Being frugal allows you to better steward the resources God has provided and reach other goals, such as relieving debt or becoming a stay-at-home mom.

Savvy Advice on Planning for Retirement (Mary Hunt) • 9781624715846 •

Hunt discusses common reasons people don't invest—and how young couples can find the motivation to start, how couples in the middle years can catch up, and what to do if you're ready to retire but don't have the funds.

Securing Financial Peace for Your Family – I, II (Dave Ramsey) • 9781624713118 •

Ramsey explains that all the money in the world won't get you out of debt unless you learn to manage your income wisely. Here, he covers a variety of topics, including credit cards, loans, car payments, credit scores, and family budgets.

Supporting Your Family While Staying Home (Donna Partow) • 9781624713590 •

Partow shares how God led her from a career as an investment banker to be a stay-at-home mom and home business entrepreneur.

Talking With Your Kids About Money (Scott and Bethany Palmer) • 9781624718748 •

The Palmers explain how materialistic *children* can become entitled *teenagers* who grow into *young adults* still financially dependent on their parents. Learn to teach children about spending and saving wisely.

Teaching Kids to Be Financially Savvy (Mary Hunt) • 9781624712425 •

Offering thoughts from her book *Raising Financially Confident Kids*, Hunt shares about the importance of teaching children to give, save, and plan ahead.

Trusting God in Today's Economy (Dr. Steve Farrar) • 9781624713743 •

Through the wisdom of God's Word, Farrar encourages those struggling with financial challenges to trust in the Lord as their ultimate provider.

**Focus on the Family
Websites, Q&As, and Resource Lists**

Focus on Finances

- focusonthefamily.com/alliances/finances.aspx

This area of our website houses articles, broadcasts, Q&As, and other resources to help families work through financial topics—including debt, budgeting, and matters of conflict and communication.

Mvelopes

- info.mvelopes.com/fotf-mvelopes-enrollment

Mvelopes is a free online system that applies the principles of envelope budgeting to personal finances. It offers customized cash flow management through online tools, debt analysis, budgeting, and financial coaching.

Q&As

- focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a

Browse our Q&As for advice and encouragement.

Resource Lists

- focusonthefamily.com/family-q-and-a/resources-and-referrals

Find recommended resources and referrals listed by topic, including:

Christian Growth for Adults • RL022 •

Referrals

Crown Financial Ministries

9 Market Square, Suite 202

Knoxville, TN 37902

800/722-1976

crown.org

- This organization has a network of financial advisors, and provides biblically based materials for churches, small groups, and individuals.

Dave Ramsey

The Lampo Group
1749 Mallory Lane
Brentwood, TN 37027
888/227-3223
daveramsey.com

- Offering insight and materials for financial management, the website also includes information on “Financial Peace University,” a 13-week program about reaching financial goals.

Debt-Proof Living (Mary Hunt)

12340 Seal Beach Boulevard #B-416
Seal Beach, CA 90740
800/550-3502
debtproofliving.com

- This site offers online tools, articles, interactive calculators, and numerous time- and money-saving tips.

Ronald Blue & Co.

300 Colonial Center Parkway, Suite 300
Roswell, GA 30076
800/841-0362
ronblue.com

- This company offers financial and investment counsel, estate and retirement planning, tax and business services, and assistance with charitable giving strategies.