

7 Principles of Man Law

Part 5 in a 7 Part Series



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Several years ago, Miller Lite created a commercial that featured several men sitting around a wood table discussing the philosophies of life. After a brief discussion, someone would make an alleged profound statement. To show their support of the statement, the men would raise their beers and shout, "Man Law!" I believe that there are Seven Principles of "Man Law." If we can come together as a people and show our support of these principles, we may have a stronger community.

As a first principle, we declared that "**Men Must Work.**" See the March/April 2009 edition for further discussion. As a second principle, we suggested that "**Men Must Respect Authority.**" See the May/June 2009 edition. As a third

but his priorities were such that he would not satisfy his court-ordered obligations. Why would a man with a good job risk going to jail for failing to pay child support? It is simple; he has not managed his resources.

It is depressing to see young men riding around in cars with four or five television screens, when many of them cannot afford to change the bad tires they are riding on. It is amazing that men will buy a Mercedes, but they cannot afford their own house so they are living with their parents. Why are we willing to pay thousands of dollars for watches, chains, and rims, but we can't pay for a box of diapers for our kids? It is simple; we are not being good stewards of our money.

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principle, we discussed that "**Men Must Be True to the Women About Who We Really Are.**" See the July/August 2009 Anniversary issue for further discussion. In the fourth principle, we argued that "**Men Must Learn to Control Our Temper.**" See the September/October 2009 edition. As a fifth principle, "**Men Must Become Good Stewards of Our Money.**" Many ladies have a very difficult time trying to date a man with a job (and benefits). However, just because he has a job doesn't mean he will have wealth. There are many men that earn very good salaries, but they are not good stewards of their money.

I was having a conversation with some friends when I overheard a female searching for the whereabouts of her child's father. "I am not saying she was a gold-digger," she was simply trying to get the man to pay his financial obligations to his child. The guy apparently had a good job,

I know this may sound crazy, but we need to prepare a budget for our lives. I don't care if you are making \$100 per week or \$1 million per week - you need a budget. The budget is not something that you will keep in your head; it needs to be in writing. Preparing a written budget for yourself and/or your household will make you and others accountable for the income and expenses. I am not suggesting that you can't have the \$150 Jordan tennis shoes or the \$300 Playstation; however, does it fit into your budget this month? Maybe those little extras can wait another month or two until you have caught up on other financial obligations.

Men, let's not get so caught up on how much we are making. Instead, let's be **Good Stewards Of The Money We Have.**

Sixth principle to follow...