

How  
to  
get  
rich  
slowly...

in your marriage, that is

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Building a rich  
bank account is  
simple. It's not  
easy. But it is  
simple.

Maximize  
deposits,  
minimize  
withdrawals.

Large, frequent  
deposits are best.

The more the  
merrier.



The smaller, less  
frequent, the  
withdrawals, the  
faster the  
deposits grow.

That's how to get  
rich... slowly...  
carefully... over a  
long time.

That's also  
how to build  
a rich  
marriage.

Every marriage is  
a relational bank  
account.

Its' currency is  
words, tone, and  
body language.

Maximize  
relational  
deposits,  
minimize  
withdrawals, and  
you'll have a rich  
marriage.

That's a promise.

It's not easy. But  
it is simple.

So what are  
relational  
deposits?

The Bible says,  
“Put on then...  
compassionate  
hearts,  
kindness,  
humility,  
meekness  
and patience,



bearing with one  
another,  
and if one of you  
has a complaint  
against the other,  
forgiving each  
other...

And above all  
these...

put on love,  
which binds  
everything  
together in  
perfect  
harmony.”

These are the  
eight  
relational  
deposits.

Every time you  
intentionally  
invest any of  
these into your  
relationship –  
wrapped in  
words, tone, and  
body language –

you'll deepen the  
richness of your  
marriage account.

This is the soil in  
which love and  
affection grows.

These are the  
ingredients that  
feed the deepest  
longings of the  
human heart.

Be very  
careful with  
withdrawals.  
They are the  
enemy of a  
rich  
relationship.



The Bible  
describes  
withdrawals,  
“But now you  
must put away...

Anger,  
Wrath,  
Malice,  
Slander,  
and  
obscene talk  
from your mouth.

Don't lie to one  
another.”

(Colossians 3:12-14)

These are the six  
withdrawals, also  
wrapped in  
words, tone and  
body language.

Withdrawals,  
made often  
enough, become  
smoldering lethal  
injections that  
shrivel the soul,  
and poison the  
relationship with  
toxic bitterness.

Put another way,  
they're titanium-  
tipped torpedoes  
that blow a hole  
below the  
waterline of the  
marriage.

You don't see the  
real damage right  
away. But it's  
there. And it  
lingers long after  
you kiss and  
make up.

They're weapons  
of deferred mass  
destruction.

Sustained  
withdrawals  
slowly sink  
marriages every  
day.



They eventually  
make deposits  
irrelevant.

The danger of  
withdrawals is  
their perceived  
harmlessness.

If only we could  
see through a  
telescope, the  
cumulative  
consequences,  
and end result, of  
all our  
withdrawals,  
before we make  
them.

We would surely  
cancel every  
withdrawal before  
it's made.

Perhaps we take  
marriage for  
granted.

Some people  
make withdrawals  
in a marriage  
relationship that  
they would never  
dream of making  
with their  
employer, or  
anyone else for  
that matter.

Never, never,  
never, let  
withdrawals  
exceed deposits.

That's the stuff  
that produces  
overdraft.

It eventually  
renders  
relationships  
“NSF” - Non  
Sufficient Funds.



No marriage is  
perfect. Every  
marriage - even  
the best ones -  
make  
withdrawals.

But they aren't  
regular. And they  
usually aren't  
massive. And  
they don't linger.

And they are  
easily offset by  
the regular,  
intentional,  
significant  
deposits that are  
made every day.

Bank accounts,  
and relational  
accounts, do not  
hold a limitless  
supply of  
currency.

There's just about  
as much on  
deposit, as you  
put there.

By the way...

deposits and  
withdrawals made  
in public, triple in  
value.

Thoughtful,  
intentional,  
meaningful  
relational deposits  
usually yield  
matching  
donations from  
the other person.



But be careful,  
withdrawals work  
the same way.  
That is mutually  
assured  
destruction.

Resist that  
temptation.  
Match every  
transaction –  
whether in or out  
- with a deposit.

That's what you  
call unconditional  
love.

Make deposits  
worthy of royalty.  
Every day. She is  
your queen. He is  
your king.

This is God's  
blueprint for you  
to build a super-  
rich marriage.

Slowly, carefully,  
over a long time.

Build a rich  
marriage, and it'll  
be your  
greatest life  
accomplishment.  
Nothing else  
comes close.

It'll be your  
greatest source of  
happiness.



And it will be the  
greatest gift you  
will give your  
kids.

It's not easy. But  
it is simple.

One more thing.  
You'll find the  
source of the  
currency in these  
words from  
Jesus:

“Everyone who  
hears these words  
of mine and does  
them will be like  
a wise man who  
built his house on  
the rock”  
(Matthew 7:24).