

## What Every Woman Should Know About Her Husband's Finances

Suppose somebody handed you a stack of hundred dollar bills and said: "Here, invest this money and invest it wisely. It is absolutely all you are going to have to live on for the rest of your life. I haven't time to tell you how. Just do the best you can."

If you are a wife (and this article is written for wives) that is not so much of a hypothetical case as it might appear. It could happen to you.

Your husband is probably working hard, saving up a little money, buying life insurance and thus creating an estate. (It is an estate whether it is one dollar or a million dollars.) This estate is for your protection. But maybe your husband has never got around to letting you in on the details.

Has he ever explained his insurance program, for example, or why he bought that lot out on the edge of town, or when he plans to sell that stock he owns? No? Then he is probably not giving you all the protection he thinks he is.

A banker or a lawyer will tell you that money does not take care of itself. Even with the best advice, a woman handling money must make some decisions herself. You will be in a much better position to make those decisions later if your husband starts keeping you posted on his financial affairs right now.

Maybe it is your fault that your

husband has not done this already. Maybe you have not shown much interest. Or perhaps you still have the old-fashioned idea that you are sort of an inferior partner and cannot expect to have your husband's full confidence. If so, you should get over it. If your husband is trying to accumulate an estate to protect his family, and most husbands are, then he will welcome your interest and participation.

How much should you know about your husband's financial affairs? The more the better. You should be fairly familiar with each of the following subjects.

**Who Are Your Husband's Advisers?**

First, know the name of his lawyer. No estate can be settled satisfactorily

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