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What is our **first response** when we encounter a problem?

Romans 12:2 (MSG) Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.

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- 1. What does God tell you to do in that area?
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MARRIAGE

Ephesians 5:25-26 (MSG) Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting. Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty [He washes her with His words]. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her.

FINANCES

Proverbs 3:9-10 (MSG) Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best. Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over.

HEALTH

Proverbs 4:20-22 (NIV) My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.

James 5:16 (KJV) Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

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