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Financial infidelity. This is a term that describes hiding any of a myriad of actions, activities, or attitudes about money from one's spouse. Dr. Bonnie Eaker Weil notes in her book *Financial Infidelity* that this phenomenon is the number one destroyer of relationships. Many couples feel betrayed by the offending partner's actions done in secret. The surprising revelation in reading the book is that many people do not see themselves as financially unfaithful to their partners.

The same pervasive attitude is present in the Christian context. It is hard to have a concrete number but is estimated that one third of active, church-attending Seventh-day Adventist members do not return a faithful tithe. One of the main causes for such unfaithfulness was due to plain forgetfulness.

In the Bible the Lord tells us that not returning His tithe and offering is alike to robbing God (Malachi 3:8). Such a strong statement may be unpalatable. Nevertheless, Scripture makes a very strong point that some of us are financially unfaithful to God.

Such financial infidelity may have deeper roots than a simple case of forgetfulness. Being faithful financially to our Lord is a predictor of our long-term relationship with Him. Let us remain faithful to Him.