



The Secrets of Talking to Your Spouse About Money

9 steps to having a good money relationship

Although money won't guarantee a good marriage, having too little cash can certainly put a strain on a couple. Unfortunately, many partners don't have the skills or vocabulary to engage in meaningful financial discussions. Poor communication then leads to many other problems. Review the nine steps below and make them part of your relationship. Also, watch the short video, "Does My Husband/Wife Have to Come to Meetings with Our Financial Advisor" here: <http://profile-financial.com/faq-video>.

1. Make a money date and do something fun at the end.
2. Write down goals. Are you looking to get out of debt, pay for a nice vacation, retire early? What are your goals?
3. Ask questions to make sure you understand your partner's goals. Listen more, talk less.
4. Talk about "We" instead of "I."
5. Admit your mistakes. (We all make them.)
6. Don't get angry. That will make things worse. You're a team and you work together.
7. Create a realistic budget.
8. Develop a savings, investment, and charity plan.
9. Schedule your next money date.

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