



Money and Marriage How to Make it Work Right

Some of the worst marital problems are caused by a lack of communication about finances. Rather than combining forces, some spouses sit on opposite sides of the money board from each other. Spouses need to follow a mutually agreed upon strategy in order to achieve their fiscal goals and reach their golden years together.

1. Tell it all! The good and the bad.
2. Don't judge your spouse.
3. Talk about money on a regular basis. It's too big an elephant to try to hide it in the closet.
4. Live below your means.
5. Deal with it - budget it, track it, save it, spend it, donate it. Get professional help with your Israeli investments and tax returns.
6. Remember that you are part of a team. You can't just make all the money decisions independently. Combine your money - that's what it means to be a team.
7. Listen, and then listen more. People have different personalities when it comes to money, and you have to honor and respect your spouse's outlook.
8. Enjoy!

Bonus: Check out Doug's article on the "Rich As A King" blog, "How a King and a Queen (Husband and Wife) Should Talk About Money to Improve Their Marriage." <http://www.richasaking.com/finance-and-marriage/>

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