

Debt Plus Dishonesty Equals Divorce, Part 1

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A recent CardRatings.com piece outlines the top five credit card mistakes spouses make that often lead to [divorce](#). Marriage is about trust and security, so spending habits play a significant role in the strength of the union between two people. Research shows that partners should *avoid* the following credit card behaviors:

1. Don't ask about or divulge debt details

Sure, you might know that you love your partner's sense of humor, taste in decor, family values and their beautiful, blue eyes, but you should also know what debt you are marrying into. Just as riches become shared with marriage, so does debt.

It seems unromantic to ask your partner how much debt they have, but initiating and honestly participating in that conversation shows that you are serious about wanting your relationship to last and be based on trust. Marriage is already full of surprises--good and bad--and a surprise of \$10,000 plus in debt would only add to the expected stress of a new marriage. Avoid that hurdle with early honesty.

2. Don't get to root of partner's debt

The amount of debt your partner has accumulated is not all you should consider. That debt is a consequence of your partner's behavior, so find out what that spending behavior is before marrying it.

No one is perfect, so questionable spending habits should not completely dissuade you from marrying someone. However, because risky credit and spending habits can take a toll on relationships and limit future financial possibilities for couples and their families, discussing how to stop or curb certain spending habits is necessary to sustain a strong marriage.

More to come

Check into our Phoenix Family Law Blog later in the week to get the remaining tips on how to avoid [divorce](#) by avoiding damaging credit card behaviors. Feel free to add your insight about your successes or failures when it comes to finances, marriage and divorce. We would love to hear from you!

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CardRatings.com: [5 Credit Card Mistakes That Can Cause Divorce](#)

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