

Debt Plus Dishonesty Equals Divorce, Part 2

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Yesterday, we introduced you to the beginning of a list of the top five credit card mistakes that lead to divorce for couples in Arizona and all around the country. The [list](#) began by encouraging you to discuss debt and spending behaviors before getting married. Be honest with each other in order to build a marriage on trust, support and stability.

CardRatings.com gives the remaining three credit card tips in order to create and protect a healthy marriage:

3. Strategize spending

When you and your partner discuss debt and exactly how each of you has accumulated your debts, the conversation should go one step further. Come to an agreement on how to handle money and spending throughout the course of your future relationship. Discuss how each of you has used credit cards in the past and whether those habits can coexist to sustain a stable, financially healthy relationship. Only agree to terms you truly believe you want to and can live with. Otherwise, you will wind up disappointing each other down the road.

4. You can spend, but you can't hide

This point brings up two issues. First, you should not feel as though you need to hide your spending from your spouse. If you are spending secretly, that means you are likely breaking a financial agreement made between you and your spouse. Secret spending, therefore, puts your wants before the trust in your relationship.

The second point to address regarding secret spending is that you are likely going to get caught. There are so many computer programs that allow consumers to track spending and their account balance. You might as well be honest with your partner about your spending rather than having him or her find out about your not-so-secret purchases on his or her own.

5. Money can't buy happiness

The old cliché is true. Partners often spend money not because they actually want or need something, but because they are reacting to stress in the relationship. Instead of discussing what is bothering them, partners will cover up their anxiety, fears and anger by keeping busy, spending money.

Not only does that sort of avoidance spending break a relationship's trust by rebelling against a couple's spending agreement, but it also keeps partners from addressing the real issues prompting the spending. Use your words, not your credit card to fix your marriage and avoid [divorce](#).

Resource

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

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