

Wealth and Beyond

Financial Success and Satisfaction Rules for Couples

1. Develop the Attitudes for Success

- A. Trust - mutual trust is essential to successful couples money satisfaction.
- B. Autonomy - each teammate must feel that they have money of their own.
- C. Fair Dealing - Each one must have a sense of equality in sharing the success of their combined efforts.
- D. Prosperity - talk prosperity, think prosperity, act prosperity to each other.

2. Work as a Team

- A. Appreciate how your teammates traits, different from yours, can help you work together
- B. Consult with each other before making major decisions, as you would a business partner
- C. Discuss your individual and common goals and develop an action plan to obtain them
- D. Treat each other with respect when it comes to financial issues, feelings and desires

3. Understand Each Other

- A. Discuss openly your fears around money. Discuss ways to defuse them.
- B. Spend time describing your own personal financial "dreams" with each other. Listen without criticism.
- C. Keep a log of any arguments you have about money; when, where, under what circumstances.

4. Treat Your Personal Finances Like a Business That You Run as a Team

- A. Meet in a business like setting with an agenda at least 2x a month - give each other equal time.
- B. Assign financial duties based on what you like to do - not what you might do better. If there are jobs that neither of you like, switch regularly.
- C. Learn to coach each other with the same desire that a major league coach coaches his team toward winning.
- D. Dream together.
- E. Learn the secret of compromise.
- F. Develop a written financial plan.