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Planning Your Wedding Budget

By James Calvin

Money is the number one thing that married couples fight about. But do you realize that the tension surrounding money begins long before the happy couple say 'I do?' Wedding costs can rapidly escalate out of control which is why it's so important to begin the planning by devising a realistic budget. And once you've got the numbers crunched, it's equally important that you both stick to the budget.

And while a wedding budget doesn't sound all that glamorous, it doesn't have to be a bad thing. In fact, planning your wedding without a budget is almost guaranteed to land you into serious financial debt. What's the key to success? As it will be throughout your marriage, open, honest, two-way communication is an absolute must.

Newly-engaged couples must talk about how each envisions his and her special day. Women work on the assumption that guys don't care about the details but that's not always true. It is, after all, the man's big day, too and he has a family to please as well.

Once the excitement of the engagement wears off, go somewhere quiet and talk about what's important to each of you in regards to your wedding day. Listening to your partner's opinion is as important as talking so be sure to do both. Then, make a list of what you both want (to arrive in a horse-drawn carriage, lobster, renaissance theme, color scheme, etc.) and what are absolute necessities (for example a photographer, caterer, rings, etc.). You're going to use this information when it's time to allocate your budget.

Once you both have an idea of what's important, it's time to crunch the numbers. You've got to determine how much money is available now (for example, in savings accounts, stocks/bonds, real estate, trust funds), how much you'll have to commit to saving from your regular income streams, and how much you can realistically expect others to kick in. Depending on how far out the actual wedding date is you may want to consider opening a higher-interest bearing account for the money so that it can earn interest.

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When considering what others may be able to put towards the cause it's really important that you don't make unrealistic demands. Take whatever others are willing to contribute graciously and try not to belabor the issue. Getting angry or disappointed in the amounts you are being given isn't a very mature way of handling the situation.

When you know where the money's coming from and how much is coming, you'll know how much you'll be able to spend. Now make another list of all wedding-related expenses and allocate a dollar amount or the percentage you're willing to spend next to each item. This will help when you're actually contracting for these services. Remember that if you exceed your budgeted amount in one category, you'll have to scale back another so your budget will stay balanced. Because budgeting is so very important for most couples, you'll find that wedding budget worksheets, software and other tools are available everywhere, so go find one and start using it right now!

Finally! James Calvin has released *A Simple, Step-By-Step Guide To Throwing The Most Unforgettable, Wedding – And How You Can Literally Save Thousands In The Making Of YOUR Wedding!* Go to

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Wedding Planning Are Your Steps To Heaven

By Paul Thomas

Wedding planning, do you actually need it? Before you stand in front of the minister, there are thousands of things to get done. There are to be made decisions concerning wedding favors, wedding rings, wedding invitations and wedding accessories. And what about your honeymoon? Where should you travel to? Before anything else you must start out with getting your wedding invitations send I good time before the wedding takes place. You can find information about wedding invitations online, both concerning layout and wording.

You got to think planning. Try a search on the internet for wedding planning. You can find information in abundance. Anything you need is to find: wedding flowers, wedding music, wedding photographers, etc.

You need to make a very detailed wedding plan because if the right things are not done on the right moment you will get sidetracked and loose control. Get the wedding process down on paper step by step and stay on top of the situation. With a plan in your hand you can relax and even enjoy the preparation for your grand wedding day.

If you own a bridal notebook you can keep track of your process from start to finish. Begin your wedding planning several months before the actual wedding to make sure you got time to correct any mistakes that can happen. The first important step is to get those wedding invitations send. Always

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think ahead. For example: if you have ordered your wedding invitations at some shop, it can take longer to receive them than you think.

If you are forced to make wedding planning on a budget, and need to save money on your shopping. You might consider making your own wedding invitations, maybe even make the wedding flowers yourself, and cut back on expectation to where your wedding party is held. The great thing about doing those things yourself is that your wedding will get a more personal touch, which you can not buy. Great idea if you want a unique and special wedding.

Wedding planning is the most important step to stay on track from start to finish. Do not be nonchalant about the wedding planning issue. Make sure your special day will be perfect.

Thank you for your time.

Find much more wedding information and mostly about wedding planning at

<http://www.wedding-planning-e.com/index.html>

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