



“The Big Six”

(Taken from Chapter Four—“Agree on the Big Six”—of *Wonderful Marriage*)

For many couples “opposites attract”—and the authors of *Wonderful Marriage* agree! The key to a happy and wonderful relationship isn’t avoiding differences but acknowledging important issues before they hurt a partnership

****Six *BIG* issues you shouldn’t ignore in any relationship****

1. **Religion**—Your spouse and you should feel comfortable with the role religion will play (if any) in your marriage
2. **Money**—You should communicate with your spouse about how you both will earn, spend and save money
3. **Sex**—Your spouse and you should feel that your sexual needs are being met. Sex is different for *every* couple, but it should always be great
4. **Children**—A happy couple decides *together* whether or not to have children and how to raise any children they do have
5. **Recreational activities**—You don’t have to share every interest with your spouse and time alone *is* important, but happy couples enjoy the time they do spend together.
6. **Acceptable behavior**—Deal breakers are different for everyone and each individual can only accept what they’re comfortable with. You should talk with your spouse about what you feel is and isn’t acceptable in a relationship