

28 Most Common Mistakes of Divorcing Couples Without Children



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“Contested Divorce: How to Lose Your Money While Losing Your Mind”

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- 1. I didn't want this divorce; I'll make him/her pay!**
- 2. Hey, I didn't want to buy those things. I didn't rack up those bills, those are yours!**
- 3. Look, all of these bills are half yours. I don't care if you haven't worked outside the home in the past 13 years, they're yours! You'll just have to find a way to pay them off. Besides, you could have worked if you wanted to.**
- 4. Look, you owe me! I've given my entire life to you so that YOU could become successful. I did this all for YOU!!!**
- 5. I did everything in this marriage! You're the one who couldn't handle monogamy! I'm going to get an attorney and take you for everything you've got – no matter how long it takes!**

- 6. None of this would have happened if YOU would have been able to act like a real man/woman. This is all your fault!**
- 7. I'm not paying for all of those bills! You've always spent every penny we've earned; this is YOUR responsibility!**
- 8. I can't wait until this is over. Then I can find the real life-mate I'm supposed to be with.**
- 9. As soon as this is over, I'll be free to move in with her/him!**
- 10. Look! I just want this over as soon as possible. Where do I sign!**
- 11. Continually play back all of the bad times; continually add up all of the amounts of money you have paid out for anything during the course of the marriage.**
- 12. I'll be damned if you're going to get alimony! You could have worked if you wanted, but you've been too lazy doing nothing around here.**
- 13. I'll be damned if you're going to get any of MY pension! That's MY money! I EARNED THAT!**
- 14. Oh, no you don't. THAT money is in MY Account! That is MY Money!!!! I've been saving that for years. You don't have anything because you spend everything you can get your hands on!**
- 15. You wouldn't have anything if it wasn't for me!**
- 16. You couldn't have functioned if it wasn't for me! I'm the REASON for your success!**
- 17. I know you have hidden money and I'm going to do whatever it takes to prove it!**
- 18. That house is mine; it was never in your name!**

- 19. I never knew what was going on with the money. He/she always handled that. I have no idea where it all went.**
- 20. I had perfect credit before I met him/her. Now, I have to claim bankruptcy!**
- 21. You'll see! You'll get what's coming to you in court! (Think/believe the judge will see it your way.)**
- 22. I'm going to get an attorney and take you for everything you've got! (Think/believe that because you have an attorney, you will win).**
- 23. Whatever it takes, I'M going to win!**
- 24. It's the man's role to take care of the woman!**
- 25. Hey! She worked and I took care of the house! If it were the other way around, this wouldn't be an issue!**
- 26. He/she signed my name on our joint tax return a few years ago. How many other times has he/she forged my name to get us into this kind of debt?**
- 27. Spend hours on the phone with your attorney venting or crying, and striving to prevail on every issue.**
- 28. Spend an extra hour -- or several -- in personal property negotiations through attorneys and/or mediation arguing over a stove, kitchen items, towels, a stereo, etc. because it is important to you that everything be divided fairly (from your perspective).**

