

**Suggested Interview Questions for Shaunti and Jeff Feldhahn**  
Authors of *Thriving in Love & Money: 5 Game-Changing Insights About Your Relationship, Your Money, and Yourself*

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*"When we have conflict around money, it's not about the money.  
It's about how money makes us feel.  
And it's an opportunity for either conflict or connection."  
– Shaunti Feldhahn*

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- ✦ Shaunti and Jeff, you had 22 years of marriage and 13 years of “relationship research” under your belt before researching and writing *Thriving in Love and Money*. Did you enjoy healthy communication around money before you kicked off your “love & money” research?
- ✦ Based on your research, was your avoidance of money conversations atypical? What percentage of couples simply don't talk about money?
- ✦ What is the #1 fact couples need to know if they want to decrease tension around money issues?
- ✦ If money is not the “real” issue, let's get to the heart of the matter. You write about 5 key factors that impact couples and money. The first factor is that “we have different values around money.” Explain.
- ✦ How can listeners begin showing respect for their spouse's differing values around money?
- ✦ It's helpful to know my spouse's money values. It helps me understand his/her perspective better. But I also want my spouse to understand *me*! Can I help make that happen?
- ✦ Some listeners may think, “My spouse and I have very different ideas about money, and I don't WANT to talk about it. It could end in an argument or days of cold silence.” Tell us why you think it's worth the risk.
- ✦ Another factor impacting a couple's money issues is “each person's unspoken fears surrounding money and how those fears can trigger his/her spouse.” What does this mean?
- ✦ What advice do you have for someone who wants to work together on family's finances but their spouse has no interest?
- ✦ Let's switch gears. You're social researchers, but you're also followers of Jesus. Why do you think Jesus talked about money so often?
- ✦ Some listeners may want to take steps toward unity in love & money, but just like you (Jeff & Shaunti), they've never been able to talk about money. What is one simple thing they can do to get started?

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