

Top Ten Ways To Have A Wonderful Marriage

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10. If there is anyone in your life whom you feel closer to than you feel toward your spouse, back away from that relationship. Instead, begin to work on rebuilding your marriage relationship, because a marriage that is going to survive can not have a third party involved.
9. Talk about everything. Talk about your hopes, your dreams, your joys, your frustrations and your fears. Laugh together, cry together and share your deepest and strongest emotions with each other.
8. Keep everything your spouse says to you in the strictest confidence. The only way to develop deep and meaningful conversations is to know that what you say won't be shared with anyone else.
7. Fight fairly. This will clear the air and build a stronger relationship. But only if it is done right: go someplace private where you can not be seen or overheard, look each other in the eye, then discuss the current issue and only the current issue.
6. Decide that divorce is not an option for your marriage. After you make this decision, you will realize that neither of you will be going anywhere. As a result, you will have the freedom to grow your marriage into the wonderful relationship it has the potential to be.
5. Spend quality time together. That is the only way you will come to realize and appreciate that your spouse is a very special gift from God to you.
4. Do everything you can for each other and do it out of love. Prepare a favorite meal, give a back rub, send flowers, a little gift, or something else you know will surprise and excite him or her. No keeping score of whom does the most, just do everything you can to make your relationship exciting. And do it often.
3. Let your spouse be your best friend and always speak highly of him or her. In a close relationship you will know each other's strengths and weaknesses. Share the strengths, but keep the weaknesses to yourself.
2. Share your faith with each other and with your community. Pray together, worship together and be a visible sign of God's love for all to see.
1. Love the Lord your God with your whole heart, your whole mind, and your whole soul and love your spouse as you love yourself.