18 tips that will strengthen (and maybe even save) your marriage

I hope these words bring some perspective, encouragement, focus and renewed passion to your marriage!



- 1. Husbands, Love your Wives Well! Your children are noticing how you treat her. You are teaching your Sons how they should treat Women and you are teaching your Daughters what they should expect from Men.
- 2. Someone once said, "Being in love means never having to say you're sorry." Whoever said that is probably divorced! The Truth is that husbands and wives must be quick to forgive and to humbly seek forgiveness from each other. "I Love You," "I'm Sorry" & "I forgive you." should be said often.
- 3. Be VERY careful about having friends of the opposite sex. If you have a "friend" that you tell things to that you don't tell your spouse, then you are creating toxic situation. Affairs don't start in the bedroom; they start with conversations, emails, texts and communication that lead down a dangerous path. Protect your Marriage!
- 4. Don't be jealous of somebody else's Marriage; invest in your own! If the Grass looks Greener on the other side, you need to stay home and water your own grass.
- 5. Don't complain about your Spouse's flaws...they are the very reasons why he/she didn't find a spouse better than you!
- 6. Husbands and Wives must love each other regardless of their imperfections. Loving your spouse does't mean that you approve of everything that they do, but it does mean that your commitment to them is bigger than all of their flaws.
- 7. "If you want to travel fast, go alone, but if you want to travel far, go together." -African Proverb

- 8. A marriage only works when both partners are fully committed. When only one spouse is doing all the work, it's like trying to swim with one arm tied behind your back...you only go in circles. Work together. Serve each other. Always Love each other.
- 9. If your Spouse breaks their Vows, give them your Forgiveness instantly, but give your Trust Slowly. The first part is called "Grace" and the second part is called "Common Sense."
- 10. Don't try to fix your spouse or change your spouse; just Love them and let God take care of the rest!
- 11. Husbands and Wives must love and accept each other unconditionally... "Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory." Romans 15:7
- 12. Hey Husbands, if you want to improve things in the Bedroom, start by serving your wife in other rooms of the house. Something as practical as doing the dishes or folding laundry could end up being good foreplay!
- 13. Don't build your Marriage on your feelings which will constantly be changing. Build your Marriage on your Faith in God and your undying Commitment to each other and your feelings will usually catch up.
- 14. When you make your marriage vows on your Wedding Day, you didn't use words like "Maybe" or "Unless". Marriage never works if we're thinking of an Exit Strategy. "Til Death do us Part" is the best and only way.
- 15. If you're willing to leave your spouse for another person, in terms of your Character, it's not much different than taking your children to an orphanage and trading them in for other kids whom you find more attractive or polite than your own kids.
- 16. Don't focus on improving your Marriage...Focus on improving Yourself, serving your Spouse and growing daily in your relationship with God and your marriage will start improving on its own!
- 17. Married Couples often say things were more fun "back when they were dating." Don't stop dating your spouse just because you're married! Bring the fun back and make "Date Night" a priority!
- 18. Your words have the power to build up our spouse or to tear them down; to bring out the best in them or the worst in them. Choose to be their biggest Encourager. Choose to forgive and seek forgiveness from them. Choose to speak words of Life and to build your marriage.

For more marriage-building tips and tools, please check out our new book: "Marriage Minute: Quick & Simple Ways to Build a Divorce-Proof Relationship"

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