Marriage Advice

From Long Time Achievers

In September of 1996, I was privileged to be working with a congregation of Christians that had several couples who had been married for thirty years or more. I took the time to talk to these couples and get their advice for younger couples on how to make their marriages last. I have broken their statements into three groups: What wives said; what husbands said; and what they both said.

Christian marriages are intended to reflect the relationship between Christ and His church. The stronger our marriages, the stronger the church. So, how do long marriages survive?

The first collection I want to give you is from a husband who was trying to be funny. He and his wife remained faithful to each other until death. Here is his comic collection:

1. When your wife asks you a question, plead the Fifth Amendment.
2. When she says, “frog,” you jump.
3. When she starts an argument, she is always right.
4. Be ready to duck when she tries to hit for saying these things.

This was the advice given by husbands:

1. Love the Word of God (Matthew 22:36-40; 1 John especially chapter 5 verse 3)
2. Pray for your spouse. (1 Thessalonians 5:170
3. Be understanding, patient, forgiving.
4. Fill your life with the fruit of the Holy Spirit
5. Do what Colossians 3:12-14 says to do.
6. Don’t retaliate or try to get even.
7. Don’t use a spouse’s sin as an excuse for your own.
8. Don’t be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:17-21)
9. Trust each other.

This was advice given by wives:

1. Don’t ignore problems.
2. Let your mate see Jesus in you.
3. Let Jesus grow inside you everyday.
4. Be willing to see the other person’s point of view.
5. Be willing to sacrifice your own opinion.
6. Treat your mate like royalty.
7. Put the church first. (Matthew 6:33)

This collection was stated by both husbands and wives:

1. Continue to talk to each other with romantic language AFTER you are married.
2. Stick with your commitments.
3. Remember your marriage vows and keep them being true to each other.
4. Keep your word.
5. Keep the promises you made to God, your mate and to yourself.