



101 WAYS
TO HAVE
100% SUCCESS
IN MARRIAGE

C H R I S D A V I S

This Book is Dedicated To:

My lovely parents John and Annie Davis who have been married for over 45 years and my Parents in Love Leotra and Florine Blair who have been married for over 48 years. Vanessa and I are forever blessed by your examples of lifelong commitment to marriage.

Authors Introduction

101 Ways to have 100% Success in Marriage is designed to strengthen your Marriage relationship and to help to bring marriages back to Christ. The reason why I wrote this e-book is because I was having major problems in my marriage and I believe it was because I was not doing many of the things that I've listed in this book. While listening to an audio CD by Dr. Myles Munroe "The Purpose and Principles of Vision" he asked a question "Do you have a vision of how you want yourself to look as a husband?" This question drove me to the Bible for some answers because my answer was NO.

Since God created the institution of marriage He knows how a husband and a wife should operate inside of the covenant of marriage so there was no better place for me to start searching for answers than in the Bible. I also learned I needed to become a student of success in marriage quickly because my relationship with my wife is the most important relationship I have on earth. So in this book I have listed resources that will empower you to apply each idea. It is my hope that you will enjoy this e-book as I am excited to share it with you and pray that it will be a seed planted in the good soil of your marriage that will grow a harvest adding to your family's success.

Bringing Marriages Back To Christ,

Christopher D. Davis

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Become a part of a small Group for married couples

Wisdom to stand on:

Ecclesiastes 4:9

Two people can accomplish more than twice as
much as one; they get a better return for their labor.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Books:

Home Builders Series

Website:

www.FamilyLife.Com

2

Pray together Daily

Wisdom to stand on:

James 5:16

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Books:

1. Power of a Praying Wife
2. Power of a Praying Husband

Author:

Stormie Omartian

3

Read the Holy Bible together Daily

Wisdom to stand on:

Matthew 4:4

But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People need more than bread for their life; they must feed on every word of God.' "

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Buy a devotional Bible that guides you daily in the scriptures

Book:

New Century Version Bible

Author:

Max Lucado

4

Attend Church Together Weekly

Wisdom to stand on:

Romans 10:14

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Go to and serve in a local church weekly Find one on this website

Website:

www.usachurch.com

5

Go to a marriage seminar together to invest in the success of your marriage once a year

Wisdom to stand on:

Hebrews 13:4

Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Marriage Seminar(s):
Weekend to Remember

Website(s):
WeekendtoRemember.com

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Read books on marriage to increase your wisdom and understanding of growing a successful marriage

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 19:8

To acquire wisdom is to love oneself; people who cherish understanding will prosper.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Website (s):

FamilyLife.Com

Marriagetoday.org

Amazon.com

Barnesandnoble.com

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Seek counsel from a qualified Christian counselor when having issues that need the wisdom of a third party

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 24:6

So don't go to war without wise guidance; victory depends on having many counselors.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Love without Limits

Author:

Gary Smalley

8

Plan a date night once a week

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 5:18

Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you.
Rejoice in the wife of your youth.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Dates on a Dime

Author(s):

Amy L. Bradford,
Janel Breitenstein and
Margie Clark

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Husbands need to pray for vision and wisdom from God for his family

Wisdom to stand on:

Habakkuk 2:2

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables.....

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Purpose and Power of Vision

Author:

Dr. Myles Munroe

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Wives need to support the vision that
her Husband receives from God

Wisdom to stand on:

Habakkuk 2:2

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the
vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may
run that readeth it.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Understanding the Purpose and Power of Woman

Author:

Dr. Myles Munroe

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Memorize and Declare scripture together

Wisdom to stand on:

Psalm 1:2

But they delight in doing everything the LORD
wants; day and night they think about his law.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Me and My Big Mouth

Author:

Joyce Meyer

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Get a Financial planner to help you
both manage and invest your money

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 27:23-24

Be sure you know the condition of your flocks,
give careful attention to your herds; for riches do
not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for
all generations.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

How to Manage Your Money

Author:

Larry Burkett

13

Use a money management system to allocate and save money

Wisdom to stand on:

Matthew 25:16-18

The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Free and Clear

Author:

Howard Dayton

14

Do the finances together even if one of you may be better at it than the other so both of you know exactly what is going on

Wisdom to stand on:

Amos 3:3

Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Your Money Map Book

Authors:

Howard Dayton

15

Keep commitments to one another: Do what you say when you say you going to do it.

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 11:3

Good people are guided by their honesty; treacherous people are destroyed by their dishonesty.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Walking in Honesty, Truth, and Integrity

Author:

Kenneth Copeland

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Go out to dinner with a couple who has been happily married 3 times longer than you have once a quarter

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 13:20

Whoever walks with the wise will become wise;
whoever walks with fools will suffer harm.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Everlasting Matrimony: Pearls of Wisdom from
Couples Married 50 years or more

Author:

Sheryl P. Kurland

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Visit each others family together

Wisdom to stand on:

Exodus 20:12

"Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God will give you.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Honor Your Father and Mother

Author:

Andrew G. Robbins

18

Rotate holidays with each others family

Wisdom to stand on:

Ephesians 5:21

And further, you will submit to one another out of
reverence for Christ.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Be fair to one another and make sure you show
both sides of the family love.

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Give the spouse top priority over any other person or thing on earth even the kids

Wisdom to stand on:

Hebrews 13:4

Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book, DVD or CD(s):
Fig Leaf Conspiracy

Author(s):
Jimmy and Karen Evans

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Go on a mini vacation get away from the crowd (weekend in town or out of town over but at a nice hotel)

Wisdom to stand on:

Mark 7:17

Then Jesus went into a house to get away from the crowds...

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Getting Away to get it Together

Author:

Bill and Carolyn Wellons

21

Send love note emails to one another

Wisdom to stand on:

Song of Solomon 4:10

How sweet is your love, my treasure, my bride!
How much better it is than wine! Your perfume is
more fragrant than the richest of spices.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Love Coupons

Author:

Gregory J.P. Godeck

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Make a sacrifice to help meet the needs
of someone else's family together

Wisdom to stand on:

Acts 2:45

They sold their possessions and shared the
proceeds with those in need.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Conspiracy of Kindness

Author:

Steve Sjogren

23

Both of you attend the kids sports events together

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 22:6

Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

How Children Raise Parents

Author:

Dan Allender

24

Get a puppy and take care of it and
train it together

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 18:24

There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a
real friend sticks closer than a brother.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

DVD:

Be the Pack Leader

Authors:

Cesar Millan and Melissa Jo Peltier

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Get a card with a personalized note just because

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 5:19

She is a loving doe, a graceful deer. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

How to Write a Love Letter

Author(s):

Barrie Dolnick and Donald Baack

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Wives pray for your husband to
succeed at work and in the marketplace

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 31:11

Her husband can trust her, and she will greatly
enrich his life.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

How To Be Your Husbands Best Friend: 365
Ways to Express Your Love

Authors:

Cay Bolin & Cindy Trent

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Wives pray for your husband's vision

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 15:29

The LORDhears the prayers of the righteous.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

A Wifes Prayer

Author:

Pamela Hines

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Husbands communicate the vision clearly and write it out so your wife can partner with you to achieve it

Wisdom to stand on:

Habakkuk 2:2

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he (she) may run that readeth it.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book and Book on CD:
Mentored By a Millionaire

Author:
Stephen K Scott

29

Build a personal relationship with God

Wisdom to stand on:

James 4:8

Draw close to God, and God will draw close to
you...

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Add Fuel to your Fire for God by
Reading and Listening to Gods Word, Praying
Continually, Fasting Often and Giving to Further the
Kingdom

Bible on CD:

The Bible Experience: Complete Bible on CD

Publisher:

Zondervan

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Iron your spouse's clothes when you are at the ironing board in the morning after you finish yours or even before you iron yours

Wisdom to stand on:

Galatians 5:13

For you have been called to live in freedom-- not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Sacred Marriage

Author:

Gary Thomas

31

Husbands do some housework and also
cook once in a while

Wisdom to stand on:

Hebrews 10:24

Think of ways to encourage one another to
outbursts of love and good deeds.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Husbands Love Your Wives and Wives Be Good
to Your Husbands

Author:

Terance M. Blackett

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Wives get your hair done and get a new outfit just for your husband and tell him he is the special occasion treat him like a king

Wisdom to stand on:

Esther 2:13

When the time came for her to go in to the king, she was given her choice of whatever clothing or jewelry she wanted to enhance her beauty.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

101 Ways To Say “I Love You”

Author:

Viki Lansky

33

Husbands spend time with your wife doing things that she would like to do schedule time to do them with her

Wisdom to stand on:

Ephesians 5:28

In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man is actually loving himself when he loves his wife.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:
Tender Warrior

Author:
Stu Weber

34

Go to an arcade together and play the
games

Wisdom to stand on:

Ecclesiastes 3:13

And people should eat and drink and enjoy the
fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Coffee Dates

Author:

Amy L. Bradford

Janel Breitenstein

Margie Clark

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Take family portraits every year and
send them to family and friends

Wisdom to stand on:

Deuteronomy 32:7

Remember the days of long ago; think about the
generations past. Ask your father and he will
inform you. Inquire of your elders, and they will
tell you.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

I Promise

Author:

Gary Smalley

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Keep a scrapbook of special events in your family's life where God has blessed you for your children and grandchildren

Wisdom to stand on:

Joshua 22:27

...but as a memorial. It will remind our descendants and your descendants that we, too, have the right to worship the LORD

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Blessing The Next Generation

Author:

Marilyn Hickey and Sarah Bowling

37

Take a lot of pictures

Wisdom to stand on:

Psalm 89:47

Remember how fleeting is my life....

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book and Book on CD:

The Art of Exceptional Living

Author:

Jim Rohn

38

Keep a journal of lessons learned from good and difficult times and apply the wisdom learned through reviewing the journal every year

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 26:11

As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his folly.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Breaking the Power of Generational Curses

Author:

Larry Huch

39

Save up over time to purchase
something together

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 13:11

....but he who gathers money little by little makes
it grow.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Debt Proof Your Marriage

Author:

Mary Hunt

40

Come up with a business idea together
and plan it out and start it together

Wisdom to stand on:

Habakkuk 2:2

Then the LORD replied: "Write down the
revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a
herald may run with it.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

The Richest Man Who Ever Lived

Author:

Stephen K. Scott

41

Make a Travel checklist for your trips
and then pack clothes together when
going on a vacation

Wisdom to stand on:

Mark 6:46

And when he had sent them away, he departed into
a mountain to pray.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Travelers Tool Kit

Authors:

Rob Sangster

42

Husbands try to pick out the outfits for your wife for work or when going on a trip

Wisdom to stand on:

1 Peter 3:7

In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat her with understanding as you live together....

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Communication Key To Your Marriage

Author:

H. Norman Wright

43

Have fun with friends together monthly

Wisdom to stand on:

Acts 2:46

They worshiped together at the Temple each day,
met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared
their meals with great joy and generosity--

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

The Leadership Secrets of Jesus

Author:

Mike Murdock

44

Have a mentor couple that you can see success in their years of marriage to talk with them on a scheduled basis and answer the tough questions

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 13:20

Whoever walks with the wise will become wise;
whoever walks with fools will suffer harm.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Secrets For Staying Married For Life:
Helpful Advice from Couples Married 50 years
or more

Author:

Bill Morelan

45

Experience something brand new to
both of you have never done before

Wisdom to stand on:

Galatians 6:7

You will always reap what you sow!

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

6 Secrets to a Lasting Love

Website:

Gary and Barbara Rosenberg

46

Do a project together from start to finish

Wisdom to stand on:

Luke 14:28

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?"

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Finish What you Start:

10 Surefire ways to Deliver your projects On time and Under Budget

Author:

Michael J. Cunningham

47

Keep a journal of the Things you love
about each other and review them
quarterly

Wisdom to stand on:

Song of Solomon 1:4

Take me away with you-- let us hurry! Let the king bring
me into his chambers. We rejoice and delight in you; we
will praise your love more than wine. How right they are
to adore you!

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Love Talks for Couples

Author(s):

Gary Chapman and Ramon Pressman

48

Say I love you every day

Wisdom to stand on:

Song of Solomon 5:8

"Make this promise to me, O women of Jerusalem! If you find my beloved one, tell him that I am sick with love." Young Women of Jerusalem:

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Creating A Marriage You'll Love

Author:

Mark Chimsky-Lustig

49

Eat healthy Speak Healthy and do your
best to stay in good health for one
another

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 12:18

Some people make cutting remarks, but the words
of the wise bring healing.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Eat, Drink and Be Healthy

Author:

Walter C. Willett, M.D.

50

Work out together

Wisdom to stand on:

3 John 1:2

Dear friend, I am praying that all is well with you and that your body is as healthy as I know your soul is.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Different Workouts that Work Together

Workout DVD's:

Tae Bo T3: Billy Blanks

The Biggest Loser

Core Secrets: Gunnar Peterson

51

Go to an amusement park together

Wisdom to stand on:

Ecclesiastes 2:1

I said to myself, "Come now, let's give pleasure a try. Let's look for the 'good things' in life....."

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

The Amusement Park Guide, 5th

Author:

Tim O' Brien

52

Go to a Clean comedy club together or
watch the DVD at home

Wisdom to stand on:

Ecclesiastes 3:4

A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve
and a time to dance.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

DVD:

The Clean Stand-up Comedy Tour DVD

Website:

www.ChristianBook.com

53

Go out with couple friends to the movies

Wisdom to stand on:

Ecclesiastes 4:9

Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor.

10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Flowers of Friendship

Author:

Leroy Brownlow

54

Share dinner with each other or feed
one another desert

Wisdom to stand on:

Galatians 5:13

For you have been called to live in freedom-- not
freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom
to serve one another in love.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Just Try it

55

Write an appointment in your planner
for special time with your spouse and
keep it

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 11:3

Good people are guided by their honesty
(integrity)...

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Suggested Tools:

1. Handheld Electronic Planner
2. Cel Phone Calendar (w/alarm)
3. Franklin Planner
4. Outlook Calendar
5. Wall Calendar

56

Dream together and write down your dreams and plan together with target dates to get to your dreams

Wisdom to stand on:

Daniel 1:17

God gave these four young men an unusual aptitude for learning the literature and science of the time. And God gave Daniel special ability in understanding the meanings of visions and dreams.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Unlocking Your Legacy 25 Keys for Success

Author:

Paul J. Meyer

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Send “Just thinking about you”
postcards to your spouse if one of you
travels

Wisdom to stand on:

Song of Solomon 1:4

Take me away with you-- let us hurry! Let the king
bring me into his chambers. We rejoice and delight
in you; we will praise your love more than wine.
How right they are to adore you!

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

20 (Surprisingly Simple) Rules and Tools for a
Great Marriage

Author:

Steve Stephens

58

Go to the museum together and discuss your impressions with one another

Wisdom to stand on:

Gen 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Museum:

The Official Museum Directory

www.aam-us.org/aboutmuseums/directory.cfm

The Creation Museum

www.CreationMuseum.Org

59

Go Ice skating together

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 5:18

May your fountain be blessed,
and may you rejoice in the wife of your
youth.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Fun & Creative Dates for Married Couples:
52 Ways to Enjoy Life Together

Author:

Howard Books

60

Go golfing together and be your Wife's Caddie

Wisdom to stand on:

Galatians 5:13

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Love As A Way of Life

Author:

Gary Chapman

61

Laugh a lot together

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 17:22

A joyful heart is good medicine..

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

The Healing Power of Humor

Author:

Allen Klein

62

Purchase gifts for family and friends
when on vacation together

Wisdom to stand on:

Philippians 2:3

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but
with humility of mind regard one another as more
important than yourselves;

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

The Power of Kindness

Author:

Piero Ferrucci

63

Find out what each others love
language is and start speaking it to one
another

Wisdom to stand on:

1 Peter 3:7

You husbands in the same way, live with your
wives in an understanding way...

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

The Five Love Languages

Author:

Gary Chapman

64

Leave love messages on the answering machine or voice mail for one another

Wisdom to stand on:

Song of Solomon 1:4

....We rejoice and delight in you; we will praise your love more than wine.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Bible – Songs of Solomon

65

Husbands ask your wife what type of romance and affection she likes before she is ready to have intimate sex with you and provide these romantic affectionate experiences for her every day

Wisdom to stand on:

1 Peter 3:7

In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together....

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Rekindling the Romance

Author:

Dennis and Barbra Rainey

66

Wives ask your husband what does he want you to do to be more sexy and attractive to him, listen closely without interruption and apply your husband's idea of sexy often

Wisdom to stand on:

1 Corinthians 7:3

The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book on CD:

Fall in Love, Stay in Love

Author:

Willard F. Harley, Jr.

67

Give no other person on the face of the earth of the opposite sex priority over your spouse (Moms and Dads and Children included)

Wisdom to stand on:

Hebrews 13:4

Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book on CD:
His Needs, Her Needs

Author:
Williard F. Harley, Jr.

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Talk to each other every day asking these three questions

- What was the best part of your day
 - What was the worst part of your day
 - What was the funniest part of your day
 - What did you learn today
- ... Listen to the answers closely lovingly with full attention

Wisdom to stand on:

1 Peter 3:7

Treat your wife with understanding as you live
together....

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

The Fine Art of Small Talk

Author:

Debra Fine

69

Listen to each other completely
without any interruption this will make
your spouse feel loved

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 18:13

Spouting off before listening to the facts
is both shameful and foolish.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Active Listening Skills

Author:

Marc Helgsen and Steven Brown

70

Have rules for arguing

Wisdom to stand on:

James 4:1

What causes fights and quarrels among you?
Don't they come from your desires that battle
within you?

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Fight Fair!

Author:

Tim and Joy Downs

71

Support one another's decision in disciplining the children

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 19:18

Discipline your children while there is hope.
Otherwise you will ruin their lives.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Never Mind the Joneses

Authors:

Tim Stafford

72

Keep promises to one another

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 11:3

Honesty guides good people;
dishonesty destroys treacherous people.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Integrity

Author:

Stephen L. Carter

73

Renew your vows to one another every
5-10 years

Wisdom to stand on:

Ruth 1:16

...“Don’t ask me to leave you and turn back.
Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I
will live. Your people will be my people, and your
God will be my God.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Renewing your Wedding Vows “Saying I Still
Do”

Author:

Sharon Naylor

74

Go on a Honeymoon every year keep the marriage fresh plan like it is actually your honeymoon not just another vacation and stay in the honeymoon suite

Wisdom to stand on:

Genesis 2:23

“At last!” the man exclaimed. “This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called woman, because she was taken from man.”

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

101 Top Honeymoon Destinations

Author:

Elizabeth A. Borsting

75

Celebrate each others birthday like an
all week event with activities
scheduled each day of the week

Wisdom to stand on:

John 15:2

This is my commandment: Love each other in
the same way I have loved you.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Simply Romantic Nights: License 4 Creative
Intimacy

Author:

FamilyLife

76

Husbands take the kids to a fun place
and give your wives time to rest and
relax

Wisdom to stand on:

Galatians 5:13

....use your freedom to serve one another in
love.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Sharing Milk and Cookies

Author:

Jose Loranger

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Go to a Bed and Breakfast together instead of staying in a hotel while out of town together

Wisdom to stand on:

John 21:9

When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Website:

www.bnbfinder.com

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Take the name of your spouse and use each letter as the beginning of an uplifting and encouraging word that describes them ... (ex. ANN...
Adorable, Neat, Nice)

Wisdom to stand on:

Hebrews 3:13

But encourage each other every day while it is
"today."

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Just be creative

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Go on a Vision retreat just the two of you once a year Write a family Vision and review your family vision together every month to make sure you are all on track

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 29:18

When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Mountaintop of Marriage

Author(s):

Jimmy and Karen Evans

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Ask your children what they think the family needs to be more successful and listen to them and decide together which ideas that your family will implement

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 22:6

Train children to live the right way,
and when they are old, they will not stray
from it.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Making Family Memories:
A Family Night Planner

Authors:

Rich and Bonnie Skinner

81

Learn a new language together and
speak loving words together in your
new language

Wisdom to stand on:

1 Corinthians 9:22

To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I
have become all things to all men so that by all
possible means I might save some.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Software:
Rosetta Stone

Website:
www.rosettastone.com

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Take dance lessons together

Wisdom to stand on:

Ecclesiastes 3:22

So I saw that there is nothing better for a man than to enjoy his work, because that is his lot. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Shall We Dance

Author:

Eric Zimmerer

83

Teach a class together on something
you both are good at or passionate
about

Wisdom to stand on:

Acts 20:35

And I have been a constant example of how you
can help those in need by working hard. You
should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It
is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book on CD:
Life Mapping

Author:
Bill Cohen

84

Give your God-children's parents a break and watch all of their kids including your godchild together

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 22:6

Direct your children onto the right path,
and when they are older, they will not leave
it.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

365 Activities For Fitness, Food and Fun for the
Whole Family

Author:

Julia Sweet

85

Adopt or foster a child

Wisdom to stand on:

James 1:27

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

The Complete Adoption Book –
Everything you need to know to Adopt a Child

Author(s):

Laura and Raymond Godwin

86

Pray about where God wants you both
to give and give to those causes

Wisdom to stand on:

Luke 6:38

Give and you will receive. Your gift will return
to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to
make room for more, running over, and poured
into your lap. The amount you give will
determine the amount you get back.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

The Treasure Principle

Author:

Randy Alcorn

87

Help your children start their own
business to tap into their inner
entrepreneur and earn money for things
they want

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 22:6

Direct your children onto the right path,
and when they are older, they will not leave
it.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

The Kids' Business Book (Kids' Ventures)

Author:

Arlene Erlbach

88

Pray together for your friends, co-workers and neighbors families to succeed

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 15:29

The Lord is far from the wicked,
but he hears the prayers of the righteous.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Prayers That Avail Much

Author:

Germaine Copeland

89

Have one day a month where you can
be with individual friends building
those friendships

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 18:24

There are “friends” who destroy each other,
but a real friend sticks closer than a
brother.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

The Art of Friendship

Author(s):

Roger and Sally Horchow

90

Husbands find out what your wife would like done if you have the day off and make sure you help her to get it done (...ex. Honey Do List)

Wisdom to stand on:

Ephesians 5:21

And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Books:

If He Only Knew

Author:

Gary Smalley

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Wives find out what your husbands would like to be done if you have a day off and make sure you help him to get this done (..ex. Honey Please Do List)

Wisdom to stand on:

Ephesians 5:21

And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

For Better or For Best

Author:

Gary Smalley

92

Take Pictures and Send to Family and Friends Often

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 18:24

A man who has friends must himself be friendly...

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Photographing Your Family

Author(s):

Joel Sartore and John Healey

93

Husbands treat your wife like a QUEEN

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 31:31

Reward her for all she has done.
Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

How to Love Your Wife

Author:

John R. Buri

94

Wives treat your husband like a KING

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 14:1

A wise woman builds her home...

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Love and Respect

Author:

Emerson Eggerichs

95

Husbands make sacrifices for your family and put their needs ahead of your own

Wisdom to stand on:

Ephesians 5:25

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

Understanding the Purpose and Power of Men

Author:

Dr. Myles Munroe

96

Wives lovingly support your husband
and help him by praising him often for
the things he accomplishes

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 18:21

The tongue can bring death or life;
those who love to talk will reap the
consequences.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

The Power of a Positive Wife

Author:

Karol Ladd

97

Husbands for a walk with your wife and
focus on listening for her greatest needs
or concerns

Wisdom to stand on:

James 1:19

You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak,
and slow to get angry.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

The Lost Art of Listening

Author:

Michael P. Nichols

98

Develop a family mission statement,
slogan and pick a family theme song

Wisdom to stand on:

Habakkuk 2:2

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the
vision, and make it plain upon tables,

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Book:

How to Develop a Family Mission Statement

Author:

Stephen R. Covey

99

Whenever you believe in faith for God to do a specific thing in your life select scriptures to stand on and speak them over one another before going to work

Wisdom to stand on:

Joshua 1:8

Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Audio CD Series:
Christian Meditation and Relaxation

Author:
Rhonda Jones

100

Buy your wife just because gifts and flowers often and have them delivered to her at home or work

Wisdom to stand on:

Proverbs 18:16

A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great.

Resource to apply Wisdom:

Website(s):

Treather.com

RedEnvelope.com

Gourmetbrowniekitchen.com

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Make up your own creative ways to strengthen, enhance and cherish your Marriage Covenant to God and one another

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