

# 21 HELPFUL MARRIAGE TIPS

MONTGOMERY LINE HOME LEADERSHIP



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1

Look for a married couple who has the type of home that you would one day like to have. Seek to meet them and spend time with them.

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Have a regularly scheduled date night with your spouse. This gives your children a sense of security.

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Never purchase any item that costs over \$\_\_\_\_\_ (previously determined amount) unless both you and your spouse agree about the purchase.

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Meet each other's sexual needs. Your body is not your own (See 1 Corinthians 7:2-5).

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Put your spouse and family before your career. On your deathbed, you won't look back and wish you had spent more time at the office... rather, that you had spent more time with your family.

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Keep your body in shape for your spouse. It's easy to "let yourself go" physically with weight gain after you're married.

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Attend church together. Don't just send your kids to church; set an example by taking them yourself.

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Frequently say, "I love you."

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Place a love note in your spouse's lunchbox or dresser drawer.

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Take a walk together.

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Never allow your child to get in a habit of sleeping with you and your spouse.

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If there's an important issue that needs to be discussed, ask your spouse what the best time would be to talk about it. Don't just dump it on them on the spur-of-the-moment.

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Eat at least one meal a day together.

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Never go to bed mad at each other (or at least agree to talk about it in the morning when you're more rested).

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Decide on an activity that you both enjoy. Make a date around that activity.

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Don't correct your spouse in front of others.

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Be agreed on child discipline guidelines. Discuss this topic away from the children's listening ears. By disagreeing about discipline in front of your children, you teach your child to disrespect the other parent.

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Pray together daily.

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Occasionally ask your spouse, "What can I do to help you today?"

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Instead of looking for ways your spouse needs to change, consider and ask yourself, "Where do I need to change?" You will one day have to give an account for yourself, not for your spouse.

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When you're tempted to leave your spouse because you think "the grass looks greener on the other side," remember this... the grass is greener on the other side because they've worked hard to maintain it. If you work hard to maintain your "grass" (marriage), you'll find your grass becoming greener too.

**BONUS TIP... ABOVE ALL ELSE**, have Jesus Christ as the foundation of your home (I Corinthians 3:11).



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