

Rules for a Happier Marriage

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1. Strive to live up to your marital duties, **Ecclesiastes 9:10**.
2. Make marriage a comradeship, **Genesis 2:18**.
3. Show an interest in the other and in his/her work, **Philippians 2:4**.
4. Be unselfish. Love “seeks not its own,” **1 Corinthians 13:5**.
5. Never be jealous of in-law relations, **Proverbs 6:34**.
6. Be tolerant, **Matthew 7:3**.
7. Be pleasant, **Proverbs 16:24**.
8. Keep a merry heart, **Proverbs 15:13**.
9. Hear a matter completely before you answer, **Proverbs 18:13**.
10. Speak fitting words, **Proverbs 25:11**.
11. Be slow to anger, **Proverbs 16:32**.
12. Exercise self-control, **Proverbs 16:32**.
13. Be forgiving, **Colossians 3:13**.
14. “Let not the sun go down on your wrath,” **Ephesians 4:26**.
15. Practice the Golden Rule, **Matthew 7:12**.
16. A higher level of happiness in marriage can be assured by common interests, shared friendships, harmony in recreational activities, generous use of affectionate words, agreement in the use of money, and regular attendance at church services.

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