

Successful Married Couples:

Are seeking to be a Christian lighthouse as a family!

Have dinner together as often as possible. The TV is off during this time, and this time should include a brief time of family devotion.

Talk 15 minutes a day, sometimes called “couch time.”

Pray with each other before bedtime!

Forgive each other and talk things out before bedtime!
(They don't let the sun go down on their wrath)

Never lie to each other and do not keep secrets from each other.

Are thoughtful when something requires them not be home as expected. They communicate clearly where they have to be and why. When it is not required but could be good clean fun they seek permission from their spouse before doing it. If any warning signals go off while they are there they dismiss themselves and quickly go home.

Do not spend time alone with someone of the opposite sex. This includes being careful not to participate in a visual or an emotional affair (online or anywhere else).

NEVER put down their spouse in the presence of others...EVER!

Do one thing that needs doing around their home each day.

Determine a financial amount that when one spends more than this it must be agreed on by both.

Tithe from each paycheck and put ten percent in savings/ investments.

Go on a Mini-Date once a week! 45 minutes at Starbucks?

Go on a big date once a month! A Real date!

Creatively encourage each other once a month! Notes, flowers, etc...

Take a restful and memorable vacation once a year!

Try to respect and interact well with their spouses' family.

Encourage and make time for their spouse to have healthy same-sex Christian friendships.

Put their marriage before their children- and their children know it.

Do not expect their spouse to fulfill the role that only time spent with Jesus can fulfill in their life.

Repent quickly and get back on track when they have violated any of the above.