**12 Ways to Make Marriage Fun (Again)**

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### Here are a 12 ways to make marriage fun (again):

**Prioritize your marriage**

If you want to have fun in your marriage, you have to make your marriage a priority in your life – above your hobbies, work and even your children. All of us would say our marriage is a priority, but do we practice what we say we believe? Our marriage should take precedence over every other human relationship and every other activity.

**Schedule time for fun**

Couples need to schedule time to simply enjoy life with our spouse. Everyone is busy, but we should make sure our schedule never gets so crowded we cannot enjoy time with the love of our life. We must set boundaries between our home and our work or other activities. Try to add to your calendar opportunities to have fun together. When is the last time you and your spouse went on a date?

**As much as possible – Let worry go**

Worry is like a cancer to ourselves and our relationships. When worry abounds we begin to see everything around us in a more negative light – including our marriage. We often hurt most those we love most. The reality is struggles will never completely disappear, so we should learn how to balance the need for control in our lives and the desire to live at peace and trust God through the hard times of life. It is important we not allow struggles, which come into the marriage, to tear the marriage apart. Instead we should let our trials draw us closer to each other.

**Expect surprises**

Stuff happens! We know it – we see bad things happen everyday, but for some reason we are often caught off guard when they happen to us. We should not be surprised when our marriage needs a little extra help because of the struggles of life. Commit to working through these struggles together and not allowing them to distract you from your marriage and each other.

**Celebrate along the way**

It takes three or four positive life occurrences to offset every negative. If this is true then we need to look for opportunities to celebrate the good things of life – as much as possible. When times are especially stressful, count your blessings – even name them one by one. The blessings are always there, but sometimes we have to look harder for them than other times. Have you ever just taken time to reflect together how many things you have for which you are thankful? At times we have a better life than we think we do – once we take time to celebrate.

**Enjoy each other’s interests**

It’s okay to have outside interests, but one of the goals of marriage is to enjoy life together. This usually involves enjoying each others activities together. You will be amazed when you invest the time in your spouse. Usually your spouse will try to give back to you by allowing you to enjoy one of your interests – with no guilt.

**Get away together (alone)**

We all need time away from the demands of life. There is something about physically leaving the environment, in which we are comfortable, that pushes us closer to the ones we love. This time together, alone, allows us time to enjoy each others company, time to talk about things we just don’t make time to talk about. This time together, alone, affords us the time to just have fun together.

**Serve together**

Interestingly, the more you and your spouse serve other people together, the more fun you have in your marriage. It will give you more common ground with each other. And, there is powerful truth in the say, “The gift is in the giving.”

**Realize little things matter**

Moments in a marriage, which may seem to be minor details, have the potential for major impact on the marriage relationship. It is important to handle little issues or conflict before they become big things. If a husband and wife have a minor disagreement it can easily escalate into a major division in the relationship if left unattended. Keep the relationship fresh and free from minor drama. By the same token, allow little pleasures to bring happiness to the marriage.

**Laugh at life**

Preschoolers laugh an average of 300 times each day; adults laugh an average of 17 times a day. Whether or not these statistics are truly accurate, most people will agree the older we get the less we tend laugh. Laughter is good for our health and laughing together builds stronger relationships. Couples need to learn to laugh through life together.

**Keep dreaming together**

When couples are dating they seem to have fun discussing their future plans. Once we get married we tend to lose the art of dreaming. Dreaming inspires and encourages the heart. Dreaming together as a couple keeps the relationship fueled with new passions and desires. Dreaming together helps the marriage move forward, rather than become static and stagnate.

**Spread the pain**

Neither spouse can do everything that comes their way. It is important to know what to take on, what to decline, and what to delegate to someone else. Don’t be afraid to say “no” in order to protect your marriage. Many couples are so busy they never have time just for the two of them.

It is also important, however, to have some close friends with whom you can share life’s burdens. None of us were meant to live on an island to ourselves and the same is true for married couples. Build relationships with other couples you can trust. When life’s challenges seem to be overwhelming, don’t be afraid to reach out to your friends for help and support.

Try these suggestions, practice them for a while, and see if more fun comes back into your marriage. Marriage can continue to be fun!