



TOP TEN JOYS OF A CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

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1. Jesus is the Author of Marriage. Christ must always be the focus. Jesus is always first Genesis 2:18,21-25 Eccl. 4:9-12. Two are better than one. Not good to be alone.
2. Jesus wants us to celebrate Marriage everyday. Cherish each other everyday. Be thankful for each other. Celebrate your companionship. Celebrate your love. John 2; Eccl.9:9,10
3. Jesus is the source of true love. John 15:1-8; 1 Cor. 13:4-8
4. Jesus teaches us to forgive one another. Love forgets mistakes. Prov. 17:9; Ephesians 4:32
5. Jesus teaches us to affirm each other. Encourage. Proverbs 31; Hebrews 3:13; 10:24; Proverbs 15:30
6. Jesus teaches us to be affectionate to each other. The power of touch. Jesus was the ultimate healer with His loving touch. Read Song of Solomon
7. Jesus enables the husband to love his wife and the wife to respect her husband. The Husband is the head of the home but the wife is his equal. Eph.5:25-30; 1 Peter 3:1-2,7; Colossians 3:18,19
8. Jesus helps husband and wife to counsel together, to make decisions together. Be in agreement. Amos 3:3; Mt.18:19. Be one. Always have oneness as your goal. Communicate freely, lovingly, daily, positively. Never allow negative conversation. No emotional barriers. Learn to understand each other. Be sensitive to each other's feelings. Be gentle, tender hearted.
9. Jesus helps husband and wife to pray and study the Bible together. Closer to Jesus = closer to each other. Be a couple of strong faith. Trust God amidst trials and disappointments. Matthew 18:19,20;
10. Jesus uses happy Christian marriages to be a shining, powerful witness of His love. Be soul winners for Christ. Never allow your marriage to become self centered. Keep your focus on loving souls for Christ. Learn how to witness for Christ. Learn how to do medical missionary work. Proverbs 11:30; Matthew 5:16

These are reasons to be joyful, happy in your marriage. Be lighthearted. Be merry.

Prov.17:22; Neh. 8:10; Prov.15:13; James 5:13; John 16:33