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Marriage Matters – Ties That Bind

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Do you want your marriage to stay strong? Of course you do. Do you know how to make this happen? Maybe you do; maybe you don't. Well, I have one piece of simple advice for you. Are you ready for it? Here it is . . .

Pray for your husband. Simple, right? But it is one of the most important things you can do for your husband and for your marriage. Lift him up to God in prayer every day. It might be a long prayer every morning. It might be lots of short prayers throughout the day. No matter when you do it or how long you do it; just make sure you do it. Because in all honesty, if you aren't praying for your husband by name . . . who is? Think about it. You may be the only person praying for your husband by name. Don't deprive him the blessing of God's protection. Keep right on praying. God will bless you for it, as well.

Would you like ideas for some very specific prayer requests? Lorrie offers a wonderful prayer guide called "Praying for Our Husbands: 31 Day Plan." (See page 2.) I use it and highly recommend it. Here a few examples . . .

Day 15: That he would learn to not depend on his circumstance for happiness, but on God alone. Hebrews 3:17-19.

Day 19: That he would be kept from strange women and evil men, and that his friends would be men and women who walk with God. Proverbs 13:20.



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Praying For Our Husbands: **31** Day Plan

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1 That he might become a holy man, a man of prayer, mature in the Lord, growing in his knowledge of the Lord. I Thessalonians 5:23; Colossians 4:12; Ephesians 1:18-19, 3:16-19, 6:18.

2 That he might grow in all eleven descriptions of a man who will not be shaken as listed in Psalm 15.

3 That he might be a man of contentment as seen in Proverbs 15:16, Philippians 4:11, I Timothy 6:6-8, Hebrews 13:5.

4 That he might learn to take every thought captive, to not be conformed to the world's thinking and to think scripturally. Romans 12:2, II Corinthians 10:5.

5 That he might daily seek God with all his heart, walking in the Spirit moment by moment, growing in his dependence upon Him. Psalm 119:1-2, Proverbs 3:5-6.

6 That he would forever be captivated by my love. Proverbs 5:18-19.

7 That he would be a man of courage. Deuteronomy 31:6, II Chronicles 19:11.

8 That the Lord might give him wisdom to lead his family physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. Ephesians 1:17-19.

9 May he always look at the plank in his own eye before seeing other's sawdust. Matthew 7:3.

10 That he might become a called man, not driven, with well-thought-through and prayed-through goals in life. I Corinthians 9:24-27.

11 That he might be a man of prayer, guarding his heart and mind, putting into practice what he has heard, seen and learned. Philippians 4:4-9.

12 That he might stand firm against the schemes of the devil and resist Satan in all circumstances. Ephesians 6:10-18, James 4:7.

13 That he might grow in spiritual maturity by putting away childish things, cultivating, understanding, striving after the Christ ideal, partaking of the deeper truths of the gospel, and overcoming temptation. I Corinthians 13:11, 14:20; Ephesians 4:13; Hebrews 5:14; I John 2:14.

14 That he might make me holy, cleansing me by the washing with water through the word. Ephesians 5:26.

15 That he would learn to not depend on his circumstance for happiness, but on God alone. Hebrews 3:17-19.

16 That he would be a man who enters into spiritual warfare. Ephesians 6:11-12, I Thessalonians 5:8.

17 That he might have new strength in the midst of his busy schedule, and that the Lord might infuse him with His strength. Isaiah 40:31, Ephesians 3:14-19

18 That he might have a burden to see lost people come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Matthew 28:12-20.

19 That he would be kept from strange women and evil men, and that his friends would be men and women who walk with God. Proverbs 13:20.

20 That his self-image might be a reflection of the Lord's thoughts toward him. Ephesians 1:17-19, Romans 12:3, Psalm 139.

21 That he might be a man responsible for family spiritual growth. Proverbs 4:1-14.

22 That he might not be deceived into unbelief, sin or bitterness. Matthew 13:8-10.

23 That he might learn to love as God has commanded. I Corinthians 13:4-7, Romans 12:8-10, Ephesians 5:25.

24 That the fruit of the Spirit might be exhibited more and more in his life. Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:8.

25 That he might grow in humility and in being a shepherd. I Peter 5:2-6.

26 That he might grow daily in character. II Peter 1:5-8.

27 That he might keep a clear conscience. I Peter 3:16-18.

28 That the Lord might protect him, guarding his course. Proverbs 2:8.

29 That he might learn to manage his time well. Ephesians 5:15.

30 That the Lord would put a song in his heart. Psalm 33:3, 40:3; Job 35:10.

31 That he may have a holy fear of God. Psalm 34:11, 111:10; Proverbs 9:10. ♥