

Your Marriage Won't Last Without These Three Things

So many couples only work on their marriage when they start having trouble; they should start when things are going well.

Marital happiness is easier to maintain than get back. In fact, your marriage won't last without these three things, and, if it does, it won't be a happy one.

How to Enjoy A Happy & Lasting Marriage:

1) Keep Having Fun Together

Finding new ways to have fun with your spouse keeps your relationship from becoming dull and boring.

Explore. Take adventures. Share a hobby. Live!

Don't let time or money be excuses. Carve out time and protect it. And if money is tight, think of low-cost or free things you can do.

Just get out there and live! Either this is a priority, or it isn't. It's really that simple.

2) Keep Forgiving

You'll have marital problems; some will be major. But it's less about the problem and more about how you deal with it.

Arguing over the same stuff repeatedly is a sign of unresolved issues and feelings. If left unaddressed, these issues will ruin your relationship.

If you really want a lasting, happy marriage, you're going to have to forgive your spouse.

How often? As often as necessary. You have the freedom and power to give yourselves as many fresh starts as needed.

Don't get me wrong, this doesn't mean you're to condone or ignore repeated offenses. It just means that you're willing to let go of bitterness and resentment.

The only way I know to keep resentment from building and becoming a threat to your marriage is to forgive each other.

3) Give 100%

Whoever said marriage is 50/50 was dead wrong. If you only give 50% of yourself, you'll have a lousy relationship and an unhappy marriage.

Marriage is two people giving 100% all of the time. It's the only way to have a satisfying and lasting marriage. You must be willing to do whatever it takes to make your marriage work – even when you feel your spouse isn't giving their all.

You must be willing to give more than you get, and put aside your own desires in order to serve your spouse.

As long as you and your spouse give 100%, keep forgiving, and keep having fun, chances are you'll love your relationship and stay married for a long, long time.

Until next time, this is Mike Tucker and I want YOU to be mad about marriage!