

Does Your Wife Feel Taken For Granted?

How often do you show your wife how much she means to you? Giving her gifts, candy and flowers on special occasions is all well and good but it isn't enough, especially if you've been married for a while.

Here's what you need: Romantic ideas for regular, ordinary days. Why? Because it makes her feel appreciated and cared for, and strengthens her certainty that you really do love her.

The Gift of Connection... One simple gift you can give your wife is *unhurried* time for her to talk and interact with you. Ask about her day; be genuine and sincere - this isn't something you're crossing off your "being a good husband" to-do list. Ask, and then *listen* to her.

Most women enjoy talking about their careers and interests. Showing interest in these areas of her life makes her feel appreciated and loved.

Sure, it doesn't seem like much, but a major complaint among wives is that their husbands don't listen.

Cook Dinner... Yes, actually cook it! Preparing a nice meal for your wife is another way to express your appreciation, especially if she's the primary cook in the home.

You might not even be a great cook, and your meal won't taste nearly as good as hers, but find a recipe that you know she'll like and do your best to prepare it.

Here's a secret, it's not about the meal...

...it's about the fact that you made the effort to do something special for her, which makes her feel loved and appreciated, and certain that you care for her.

Don't take the easy way out and get take out from Olive Garden. Actually, cook something. If it's pretty much edible, great! If not, you can always order pizza! But she will always feel loved because you tried to do something extra special for her.

Please Remember Stuff... Women appreciate it when their husbands remember small occasions. This doesn't mean stuff like birthdays or anniversaries - because she expects you to remember those - but rather smaller things, such as the day you met, or what she wore on your first date, or her special song. Let your wife know how much you love her by remembering and celebrating some of the smaller occasions you've shared.

Compliments...

Don't hold back when it comes to complimenting your wife. When she dresses up or gets her hair done, compliment her. Women love it when their husbands notice something different about them because it demonstrates that they are paying attention and taking an interest in *them*. And remember to compliment her even when she's not dressed up for a night on the town, such as when she's just running errands or doing stuff around the house.

If your wife works, she'll appreciate compliments and affirmation about what a great job she's doing; support her to the best of your ability.

Lastly, in this day and age when so much has changed, **always be a gentleman**. Although times may change, a man should never stop being a gentleman. Open the car door for her, text her love messages during the day, hold the door for her, display your affection in public. These small romantic gestures when combined with anniversaries and special holidays will make your wife feel loved, appreciated and cared for.

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