

SUCCESS IN MARRIAGE

Quotes from David Brandt Berg

To have lasting, genuine love, it must be based upon a more enduring foundation than mere fleshly gratification. It must be an unselfish desire to protect and to help and to make someone else happy.

As my mother used to tell me, don't marry the girl you can live with—marry the girl you can't live without!

Marriage should be as equal as possible, as sharing as possible. You should talk together, pray together, love together, discuss together, and then decide and agree together.

The most important thing in a marriage is for both partners to have faith in God and Jesus Christ. When you have faith, everything is possible!

In marriage you die to self, but you find new life.

Don't forget to thank her; or don't forget to thank him. Gratitude is a great thing in married life—show appreciation!

Don't forget to say “I love you!” Keep speaking words of love. Words sometimes can do more for a woman than anything else, especially if you are speaking with love, tenderness, meaning, and sincerity.

Two of the greatest assets to a good marriage are honesty and a sense of humor!

If you want to learn something about unselfishness, humility, and sharing, just get married!

Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things! (Philippians 4:8). That applies to your spouse as well! Try to remind yourself constantly of his or her good qualities—the good things—and try not to think about the bad things.

The most damaging thing that can happen in a marriage is to lose faith in each other, and worst of all, faith in God.

Say “I love you” a hundred times a day!

In the building business they say that two men can do three times as much work as one man. God's principle is that two can do ten times as much as one: One can chase a thousand, but two can put ten thousand to flight! (Deuteronomy 32:30, paraphrased).

Marriage is more than sex or friendship or a business partnership! It is the most intimate, humbling, loving, and self-sacrificial relationship between human beings in all of life. “No greater love hath any man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends!” (John 15:13) This is love, real love, true love—the willingness of a husband to sacrifice himself for his wife, the eagerness of a wife to lay down her life for her husband. This is supernatural love, divine love, God's love, more than human.

Marriage is so difficult in today's society. There are countless temptations—not just to cheat on your spouse, but to be selfish, to assert your independence, to insist on your so-called rights over another individual. All of these stem from people's desires to promote themselves, and run counter to the Lord's idea that self-sacrifice is the way to happiness.

Genuinely dying to yourself, keeping yourself and your own needs in second place, thinking of your spouse first—this is the secret to married happiness. You find a new life by leaving your old, lonely life behind. You give up old habits, old preferences, and old ways in favor of the new, in favor of this wonderful person who has now come into your life. In doing so out of love, you find great happiness because the Lord blesses unselfishness; He blesses your sacrificially yielding to another person and seeking their well-being, even above your own. Because you put love first, the Lord will bless you with happiness, and that's the way it works.