

Marriage Tips

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Friends,

When my husband and I first got married, we found it easy to laugh together about things and even though we went through tough times, we always went through it together. There were plenty of times we didn't have the income to match the expenses, and we watched as God always came through --- Of course we had the habit of tithing and always putting Him first in our finances.

After kids started coming along and there were more responsibilities in family life, as well as church life, there came a gradual change in our approach to "life". Without realizing it, "life" began to squeeze the "laughter" right out of us. Not saying we never had good and fun times, but life just became more serious in general, and we were finding ourselves going separate directions. This caused a strain on our relationship.

I'm thankful we pushed through and didn't give up. In later years we were able to make adjustments and find our way back to seeing life in a more lighthearted way. We found our way back to *laughter* --- Not taking everything so serious. There's enough in life that is *really* serious, without allowing *everything* to be serious. We chose not to take offense at every little thing and to talk about the things that bothered us.

Challenge this week: Watch for, and grab hold of, the every-day things you can laugh about.

Job 8:21-- He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy.

Ps 16:11-- You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Jesus delights in you!

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