

There are a couple of marriage “non-negotiables” we identified early! First, go to church together. Second, get involved in church outside of Sunday mornings. Third, always have mentors! Both individually and as couples. Last but not least, remember, the goal of marriage isn’t to think alike, but to think together.

After being married for a few years, we began to understand worship as more than simply singing worship songs in church. Worship became part of who we were as a couple, and as a family. We began tithing not just because we were “supposed to”; instead, it became an act of worship, and eventually helped us recognize John’s gift of generosity.

We have identified 5 things that, when done consistently, truly make for a strong, healthy marriage!

1. Only say what's necessary!

“A truly wise person uses few words; a person with understanding is even-tempered.”
Proverbs 17:27

2. No sarcasm!

“Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.”
Ephesians 4:15

3. Just Be Nice!

“A cheerful look brings joy to the heart; good news makes for good health.”
Proverbs 15:30

4. Don't take offense!

“Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs.”
Proverbs 19:11

5. Listen before speaking!

“Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.”
James 1:19