

DESPERATE HOUSEHOLDS

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Desperate Application For Desperate Households

Cicero Christian Church desires to help create healthy marriages and relationships among husbands and wives as each person strives to live in a culture that is systematically destroying the moral fabric of the family. We seek to restore the Biblical model of a healthy marriage between a man and a woman as well as inspire an intimate relationship among each couple and God. The following questions and list of ways to pray for one another have been collected from the following resource: www.familylife.com.

Proverbs 24:3-4 – By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

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Ten Questions Every Husband Should Ask His Wife Annually

The following questions are provided by Tom Elliff.

1. What could I do to make you feel more loved?
2. What could I do to make you feel more respected?
3. What could I do to make you feel more understood?
4. What could I do to make you more secure?
5. What can I do to make you feel more confident in our future direction?
6. What attribute would you like me to develop?
7. What attribute would you like me to help you develop?
8. What achievement in my life would bring you greatest joy?
9. What would indicate to you that I really desire to be more Christ-like?
10. What mutual goal would you like to see us accomplish?

Ten Questions Every Woman Should Ask Her Husband Annually

The following questions are provided by Jeannie Elliff.

1. Do you feel I properly understand the goals that God has placed in your heart? How can I help you achieve them?
2. What are some things I can do to regularly show you how satisfied I am with you as my husband and the leader of my home?
3. Is there anything I am doing or failing to do that seems to send a signal that I do not honor you or your leadership in our home?
4. Is there anything I can change to make our home a place where you feel more satisfied and comfortable?
5. Are there any big dreams in your heart that you have been hesitant to share with me? How can I help you fulfill them?
6. How do you feel we can begin communicating better than we already are?
7. Do you feel that there is anything keeping either one or both of us from God's best in our lives? What should be my part in freeing us from those restraints?
8. Are we where you wanted us to be at this stage in life? How can I help you make that possible within God's guidelines?
9. How do you envision our future together? What can we do together to achieve that goal?
10. What can I do to show you how much I need and trust you?

Twenty Ways to Pray for Your Wife

The following list is provided by Stormie O-Martian.

1. Her Husband - Start by praying for change in yourself, and ask God to give you a clean heart.
2. Her Spirit
3. Her Emotions
4. Her Motherhood
5. Her Moods
6. Her Marriage – Pray that love will continue to grow between you and your wife, that you and your wife will resist the temptation to stray, and that there will be no divorce in your future.
7. Her Submission
8. Her Relationships
9. Her Priorities
10. Her Beauty
11. Her Sexuality
12. Her Fears
13. Her Purpose
14. Her Trust
15. Her Protection
16. Her Desires
17. Her Work
18. Her Deliverance
19. Her Obedience
20. Her Future

Thirty Ways to Pray for Your Husband

The following list is provided by Stormie O-Martian.

1. His Wife - Start by praying for change in yourself, and ask God to create in you a clean heart.
2. His Work
3. His Finances
4. His Sexuality
5. His Affection
6. His Temptations
7. His Mind
8. His Fears
9. His Purpose
10. His Choices
11. His Health
12. His Protection
13. His Trials
14. His Integrity
15. His Reputation
16. His Priorities
17. His Relationships
18. His Fatherhood
19. His Past
20. His Attitude
21. His Marriage – Pray for God’s protection that no person or situation will ever be allowed to harm your marriage, and pray that a spirit of divorce will never enter into your marriage.
22. His Emotions
23. His Walk
24. His Talk
25. His Repentance
26. His Deliverance
27. His Obedience
28. His Self-Image
29. His Faith
30. His Future

Twenty-five Ways to Spiritually Lead Your Wife

The following list is provided by Dennis Rainey.

1. Pray daily with her.
2. Write a love letter that she'd like to receive.
3. Discover her top 3 needs and over the next 12 months go all out to meet them.
4. Buy her a rose. Take her in your arms. Hold her face gently. Look into her eyes and say "I'd marry you all over again!"
5. Take her on a weekend get-a-way.
6. Read the scriptures to her.
7. Replace the "D" word with the "C" word!
D=divorce C=commitment
8. Court her.
9. Remain faithful to her.
10. Fulfill your marriage covenant.
11. Have a family time at least one night a week.
12. Use circumstances to teach your children to trust God.
13. Protect your family from evil.
14. Restrain your teenager's passion.
15. Set spiritual goals for your children.
16. Take one or two of your children on mission trips.
17. Catch your kids doing something right.
18. Date your daughters.
19. Inspect what you expect.
20. Do a Proverbs breakfast Bible study with your teens.
15 and older
21. Hug and kiss your sons and daughters.
22. Ask your children for forgiveness when you fail them.
23. Pray with them.
24. Call them to a spiritual mission to do what God wants to do with their life.
25. Persevere and don't quit.