

Friendship

When Home Is Where Your Heart Is

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man that falls and has no one to help him up!

-Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

One of the keys to a solid marital relationship is when you are perfectly content to be alone with your spouse.

The strongest marriages usually involve couples that are each other's best friend.

Far beyond being physically and emotionally attracted to one another, a strong marriage requires that you also “like” the one you love.

“Love” a complex word, the New Testament uses three words to express this one English word.

Eros: erotic or romantic love.

Phileo: brotherly love or friendship.

Agape: speaks of the unselfish, sacrificial, and self-giving love shown by God. John 3:16

One sign of a solid friendship is when you are willing to share in the specific interests of your spouse even if those things are of no particular interest to you.

If you truly value your spouse you will respect the fact that occasionally he or she needs to be alone.

You can measure the depth of friendship by the time the two of you spend talking about matters of broad interest-which should greatly exceed the time you spend complaining about problems in your relationship:

- A.) Friends talk about sports, spiritual matters, politics, perceptions of the world, humorous anecdotes in the families, fun things they have done or will do, dreams of the future, and thoughts about what each person is going through at this point in life.
- B.) Couples should be concerned if, in contrast, they only speak about things like problems with the kids, who can take care of mama, problems with bills, undone projects around the house,...”life”.

Never forget that in a marital relationship little things mean a lot!