

Keeping *Love* ALIVE

How to Stay In Love
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If you want to stay in love...

1. Do the hard work of _____.

"...reliable communication permits progress." Prov. 13:17 LB

_____ % of most marital problems come down to poor communication.

"Answering before listening is both stupid and rude." Prov. 18:13 Msg.

"My dear friends, you should be quick to listen and slow to speak ..."
James 1:19 CEV

"A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control."
Prov. 29:11 NIV

2. Do the hard work of _____.

"Show your love by being helpful to each other." Eph. 4:2 GN

"Serve one another in love." Gal. 5:13 NLT

3. Do the hard work of _____.

"Love does not demand its own way." 1 Cor. 13:5 NLT

3 Facts of Married Life:

1) You will have _____ in marriage.

2) There are some issues you are never going to _____ on.

3) _____ is the evidence of real love.

Most marital problems are the results of _____.

4. Do the hard work of _____.

"Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love."
Prov. 5:19 NLT

5. Do the hard work of keeping your _____.

"I hate divorce, says the Lord... Make sure that you do not break your promise to be faithful to your mate." Mal. 2:16 GN

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"Some Pharisees came and tried to trap him with this question: 'Should a man be allowed to divorce his wife for just any reason?' 'Haven't you read the Scriptures?' Jesus replied. 'They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.' And he said, 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together.'" Matt. 19:3-6 NLT

"And I tell you this, whoever divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery—unless his wife has been unfaithful." Matt. 19:9 NLT

My next steps to grow spiritually...

- Today, I committed my life to Jesus Christ and will pick up the Abundant Life New Testament.
- With the power of the Holy Spirit, I will work hard at keeping love alive.
- I made the commitment to throw the parachute.
- I will pick up my tickets to NEXT.