**Marriage**

**And Ruth said to her,**

**"Far be it from me to return from following after you, and to leave you; for where you go, I will go; and where you dwell, I will dwell;**

**your people shall be my people, and your God my God.**

**Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried;**

**may the Lord do so to me, and more also,**

**if even death can separate me from you."**

***(Ruth 1:16-17)***

**When the minister agrees to marry the young couple in his church, he stipulates that they remain abstinent during their engagement. A week before the wedding he asks, “Have you remained chaste?” “I’m afraid not, Reverend,” the groom-to-be answers. “What happened?” “My fiancée dropped a box of light bulbs, and when she bent over to pick it up, I was overcome with lust and we lost all control.” “I’m sorry,” the minister says, “but I can’t marry you in this church.” “That’s what I figured,” the young man sighs. “We’re not welcome at Home Depot anymore, either.” *(Reader’s Digest)***

**One of the important things about marriage is to be accepted. Love is the basis of marriage, but there are many married people who have never felt accepted. Marriage is not a reformatory, and spouses need to reach out to each other without criticism or reservations. To live with a wife or a husband who does not accept you is a dark valley to walk through. *(Charles L. Allen, in Victory in the Valleys of Life)***

**We continue to adjust to each other, an adjustment that started 19 years ago and will never stop because we each continue to grow and change. We will always be different. I think of anniversaries as a time for roses and dinner; she prefers Mexican food and a movie. For Halloween she thinks apples are a good treat; I say, since when did Halloween have anything to do with nutrition? Don't mistake it for a solid marriage. There is no such thing. Marriage is more like an airplane than a rock. You have to commit the thing to flight, and then it creaks and groans, and keeping it airborne depends entirely on attitude. Working at it, though, I know how hard it has been, or how worthwhile. *(Michael Grant, in San Diego Union)***

**People do not marry people, not real ones anyway; they marry what they think the person is; they marry illusions and images. The exciting adventure of marriage is finding out who the partner really is. *(James L. Framo, in Explorations in Marital & Family Therapy)***

**My wife and I were invited to her niece’s wedding breakfast. During the meal, the groom’s father asked all of the grandparents to offer words of advice for a long and happy marriage. It was a poignant moment as each one shared such wisdom as “Never go to bed angry” and “Treat each other as you would like to be treated.” When they finished, the groom’s father asked the young couple if they had any words of advice for the rest of us. “Well,” said the groom, to the embarrassment of his bride, “the only thing I can think of is ‘Call before you come over.’” *(James E. Black, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Two Irishmen, Sean and Kevin, meet on the street, not having seen one another in many years. “Tell me now,” says Sean, “did you ever marry?” “Ah, yes,” Kevin replies. “My wife's an angel.” “You're a lucky man,” says Sean. “Mine's still with me.” *(Bernard A. Wichman, in Reader's Digest)***

**Australian entertainer Barry Humphries (Dame Edna Everage) is known for asking thought-provoking questions of his TV show guests. His interview with actress Jane Seymour was no different. “Tell me the secret,” he implored her, “of your successful marriages.” *(The New York Times)***

**I used to believe that marriage would diminish me, reduce my options, that you had to be someone less to live with someone else. When, of course, you have to be someone more. (*Candice Bergen, actress)***

**An elderly couple was celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The men were congratulating the husband: “How’d you manage it, Fred?” Fred answered: “Well, I’ll tell you. When Martha and I first got married, we agreed that whenever any big problems came up, I’d handle them – she’d take care of the small ones.” “Looks like it worked out OK,” said one friend. “Yep, it did,” said Fred. “Of course, no big ones have come up yet – but if one does, I’m ready.” *(John W. Klase, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**My wife tells me that if I ever decide to leave, she’s coming with me. *(Jon Bon Jovi, in The New York Post)***

**Why must marrying just one person also mean getting involved with so many other people? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

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**Lots of people have asked me what Gracie and I did to make our marriage work. It's simple -- we didn't do anything. I think the trouble with a lot of people is that they work too hard at staying married. They make a business out of it. When you work too hard at a business you get tired; and when you get tired you get grouchy; and when you get grouchy you start fighting; and when you start fighting you're out of business. *(George Burns, in Living It Up)***

**Judge Not: I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. *(George Burns)***

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**Marriage is the only union that can't be organized. Both sides think they're management. *(Funny Funny World)***

**Dolly says to her mother: “I'm five years old now and I still can’t decide on who I should marry.” *(Bill Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**I heard a story about a man who had been married for over thirty years. Returning home from work one evening, he found his wife packing. “What in the world are you doing?” he asked. “I can’t handle it anymore!” she cried. “We've done nothing but fight, argue, complain, and bicker at each other. I've decided to leave.” The man stood in shock and bewilderment as his wife walked out of the house -- out of his life. Suddenly, he dashed to the bedroom and pulled a suitcase down from the closet shelf. Running outside, he yelled to his wife, “I can't handle it anymore, either. Wait for me, and I'll go with you.” *(Glenn Van Ekeren, in The Speaker's Sourcebook , p. 250)***

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**If you're afraid of loneliness, don't marry. *(Anton Chekhov)***

**The trouble with some women is that they get all excited about nothing, and then they marry him. *(Cher)***

**An archeologist is the best husband any woman can have: the older she gets, the more interested he is in her. *(Agatha Christie)***

**One man, who hasn't shaved for a while and looks like a bum, is sitting on a park bench and says to the other man: “One day the wife was cleaning house and decided to throw out everything that didn't work.” *(The National Enquirer cartoon)***

**A young woman was explaining to a friend why she had decided to marry one man rather than another. “When I was with John,” she said, “I thought he was the cleverest person in the whole world.” “Then why didn’t you choose him?” the puzzled friend asked. “Because when I’m with Bill I think I’m the cleverest person in the whole world.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**A bachelor asked the computer to find him the perfect mate: “I want a companion who is small and cute, loves water sports and enjoys group activities.” Back came the answer: “Marry a penguin.” *(Rainbow Magazine, Taiwan)***

**A marriage without conflicts is almost as inconceivable as a nation without crises. *(Andre Maurois, in The Art of Living)***

**For two people in a marriage to live together day after day is unquestionably the one miracle the Vatican has overlooked. *(Bill Cosby, in Love and Marriage)***

**Husband: “We've been married a long time, haven't we?” Wife: “We sure have.” Husband: “I guess you've seen me at my best and you've seen me at my worst.” Wife: “Oh, yes.” Husband: “Couldn't tell much difference, could you?” Wife: “Not really.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Marriage is a covered dish. *(Swiss proverb)***

**One crab says to the other: “You knew I was a crab when you married me!” *(Patrick McDonnell, in Mutts comic strip)***

**Perhaps the greatest rudenesses of our time come not from the callousness of strangers but from the solicitousness of intimates who think that their frank criticisms are welcome. I have always believed that the key to a happy marriage is the ability to say with a straight face, “Why, I don’t know what you’re worrying about. I thought you were very funny last night, and I’m sure everybody else did too.” *(Judith Martin, in Common Courtesy)***

**The concept of two people living together for 25 years without having a cross word suggests a lack of spirit only to be admired in sheep. *(A. P. Herbert William)***

**A longtime married couple brought their purchases to one of the registers at a national discount store. The cashier -- a model-thin blonde -- flirted with the husband. Each discovered that they had grown up in the same rural area of southern Pennsylvania. Her dad, the young woman said, often went back to the home state for deer hunting season. “Do you -- hunt?” She smiled and winked at the husband. He pointed to his wife, “Young lady, 30 years ago, I went dear hunting. I haven't gone since.” *(Lawrence P. McGuire, in Reminisce magazine)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**What depresses married people most is being married. What depresses single people most is not being married. Psychological tests have repeatedly shown that's it, essentially, though researchers decorate their reports with phrases like “burdensome dependence” and “lack of interpersonal relationships.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**According to studies, the primary cause of depression in married people is being married. In unmarried people, it’s being single. (*Uncle John’s Bathroom Reader: Wise Up!, p. 249)***

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**I realized on our first wedding anniversary that our marriage was in trouble. (My husband) gave me luggage. It was packed. My mother [nearly] suffocated in there. *(Phyllis Diller)***

**One woman says to another woman across the lunch table: “We had our first disagreement. I want a big wedding with all the trimmings, and he doesn't want to get married.” *(The Saturday Evening Post cartoon)***

**During a discussion about dogs with my 6-year-old grandson, Jonathan, I asked him if he knew Uncle Scott’s dog was going to have puppies soon. He looked at me in surprise and asked, “Who did she marry this time?” *(Doris Ferguson, in Country magazine)***

**Man: “How long have you and Opal been married now, Earl?” Earl: “I don’t know. I’ve lost track, but I’ll tell you this, I don’t regret one day of it.” Man: “Which day don’t you regret?” Earl: “April 2, 1990.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**When the circus dwarf Lavinia Bump married the circus dwarf Tom Thumb, more than 2,000 guests attended their wedding, including President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln and the entire United States Cabinet. The famous ceremony was dubbed “The Fairy Wedding.” *(David Louis, in Fascinating Facts, p. 128)***

**They say marriages are made in heaven. But so is thunder and lightning. *(Clint Eastwood)***

**Daughter: “Mom, why is Dad under the tablecloth?” Mom: “Because I can't stand to watch him eat spaghetti.” Daughter then says to her husband: “Oh. Hard to believe they've been married for over fifty years, isn't it?” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**When professor Albert Einstein and his wife were being interviewed on the occasion of their golden anniversary, they were asked the routine question: “To what do you attribute the success of your marriage?” Professor Einstein replied, “When we first got married, we made a pact. It was this. That in our life together I would make all the big decisions and she would make all the little decisions. And we have kept to it for 50 years. That I think, is the reason for the success of our marriage.” Then he looked up and added, “The strange thing is that in 50 years there hasn’t yet been one big decision.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Never marry a man you wouldn't want to be divorced from. *(Nora Ephron)***

**Mother says to daughter: “After you're married, you may discover an evil force trying to control your life!” Daughter: “Really? What will it be?” Mother: “Your mother-in-law.” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar The Horrible comic strip)***

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**Before you marry, keep your two eyes open; after you marry, shut one. *(Jamaican proverb)***

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**A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person. *(Mignon McLaughlin, in The Atlantic)***

**A wife is to thank God her husband has faults; a husband without faults is a dangerous observer. *(Sir George Savile)***

**Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet service to see who they really are. *(Attributed to Will Ferrell)***

**According to a new study, women in satisfying marriages are less likely to develop cardiovascular diseases than unmarried women. So don't worry, lonely women, you'll be dead soon. *(Tina Fey)***

**I love being married. I was single for a long time, and I just got so sick of finishing my own sentences. *(Brian Kiley)***

**Marriage was probably the first union to defy management. *(Charles Ruffing, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**The formula for a happy marriage? It’s the same as the one for living in California: when you find a fault, don’t dwell on it. *(Jay Trachman, in One to One)***

**Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards. *(Benjamin Franklin)***

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**I know nothing about sex because I was always married. *(Zsa Zsa Gabor)***

**A girl must marry for love, and keep on marrying until she finds it. *(Zsa Zsa Gabor)***

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**Marriage is an unusual gamble. Both partners win or nobody does. *(Quoted in Grit)***

**Marriage is like the army. Everybody complains, but you’d be surprised how many re-enlist. *(James Garner)***

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**A good marriage is that in which each appoints the other guardian of his solitude. *(Rainer Maria Rilke, German poet)***

**A good marriage is the union of two forgivers. *(Ruth Bell Graham) 8239022***

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**I've been married to one Marxist and one Fascist, and neither one would take the garbage out. *(Lee Grant, actress)***

**In happy marriages, one partner tends to be the “help-giver” and the other the “help-getter.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**If you want to give up the admiration of thousands of men for the disdain of one, go ahead, get married*. (Katherine Hepburn)***

**A Taiwanese woman who was unable to find a husband married herself instead. Chen Wei-yih, 30, an office worker from Taipei, had photographs taken of herself in a wedding dress and married herself in a lavish ceremony before whisking herself off to a honeymoon in Australia. “My work and experience are in good shape,” said Chen, “but I haven’t found a partner, so what can I do? You must love yourself before you can love others.” *(The Week magazine, December 24, 2010 – January 7, 2011)***

**Neither concerns over terrorism nor the recent economic slump made a dent in the honeymoon industry. While the U.S. travel business has slumped, honeymoon-oriented travel and lodging revenues have held steady at $7 billion a year. *(SmartMoney, as it appeared in The Week magazine, April 1, 2005)***

**To catch a husband is an art; to hold him is a job. *(Simone de Beauvoir)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**A reader suggests the ideal mate is “one who remains faithful to you but tries to be just as charming as one who doesn't.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**An ideal wife is one who remains faithful to you but tries to be just as charming as if she weren’t. *(Sacha Guitry, Russian playwright)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Husband: “The nice thing about being married is not having to do things to impress each other anymore!” Wife; “I assume wearing pants used to be one of those things?” *(Ted Dawson, in Spooner comic strip)***

**Marriage always demands the finest arts of insincerity possible between two human beings. *(Vicki Baum, Austrian-born author***

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**Marriage is insurance for the worst years of your life. During your best years you don't need a husband. *(Helen Gurley Brown)***

**Recently launched into the “real world” and shocked by the expenses that came with it, my brother Dustin was complaining about the high cost of auto insurance. “If you got married,” teased my dad, “the premium would be lower.” Dustin smiled. “That’d be like buying an airline just to get free peanuts.” *(Amy Dobberstein, in Reader's Digest)***

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**Marriage is like a 5,000-piece jigsaw puzzle – all sky. *(Cathy Ladman)***

**A second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience. *(Samuel Johnson)***

**Marriage is nature's way of keeping us from fighting with strangers. *(Alan King, comedian)***

**We were sitting around with some friends discussing the pros and cons of marriage. One couple was asked how they'd managed to stay together for 45 years. “I know her like a book,” the husband replied. “You may know her like a book,” observed another man, “but I bet you never know what page she's on.” *(Margaret O'Shields, in Reader's Digest)***

**At every party there are two kinds of people -- those who want to go home and those who don’t. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other. *(Ann Landers)***

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**The key to a long and healthy marriage is that, honestly, there’s nothing worth fighting about. *(Jay Leno, in Good Housekeeping)***

**This new series called Big Love is about a guy with three wives in Utah. You know what the penalty is for having three wives? Three mothers-in-law. *(Jay Leno, 2006)***

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**A happy marriage is a long conversation that always seems too short. *(Andre Maurois, in Memoires)***

**Daughter: “Mama, if you had it to do all over again, what kind of husband would you look for?” Helga: “I’d look for one whose hobby was housework and who was highly allergic to beer!” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)***

**Even if marriages are made in heaven, man has to be responsible for the maintenance. *(John Graham, in Alma, Georgia, Times)***

**As the last of 15 postcards disappeared into the outgoing mail slot at a nearby post office, I realize I'd forgotten to add something -- namely, the stamps. I ran to the counter and, hoping to elicit some sympathy from the woman behind it, began, “Did you ever make a mistake?” Tersely, she replied. “Well, I've been married three times.” *(Clair Metcalf, in Reader's Digest)***

**Clearly, our Love and War man came into his line of work fairly late in history. First marriage manual known was in Sanskrit, dating all the way back to 200 B.C. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**If “marital” appears as “martial”, it's not always a typographical error. *(The Chateau Chatter)***

**You should never marry anybody until you’ve seen each other miserable sick with the flu. *(Dr. Phil McGraw, in Ladies’ Home Journal)***

**All men make mistakes; married men just find out sooner. *(Wes Holley, in Country magazine)***

**I knew from the start that I had married Miss Right. It took me a little longer, though, to realize that her first name is Always. *(Brad Wesner, in Country magazine)***

**Many a man in love with a dimple makes the mistake of marrying the whole girl. *(Stephen Leacock)***

**Our neighbor and his wife get along well considering it's a mixed marriage. She's normal. *(Ron Dentinger, in Dodgeville, Wis., Chronicle)***

**Never marry for money. Ye'll borrow it cheaper. *(Scottish proverb)***

**Marriage must constantly fight against a monster which devours everything: Routine. *(Honore de Balzac)***

**Marriage is a mutual admiration society where one person is always in the right and the other one is the husband. *(Matty Simmons, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

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**Think of your ancestors and your posterity, and you will never marry. *(Ethel Mumford)***

**Things Never to Say to Your Wife: “Are you really going to wear those shoes?” “I'm glad we're together, too. Otherwise, I would have to do my own laundry.” “To be honest, you have gained a lot of weight.” “I'm tired of having to make every important decision in this relationship.” “Can't you add this book to what you carry in your bag?” “Why do you think that I have to use deodorant every day?” “That's a woman's work.” “Sure, you can clean out the garage and throw out whatever you want.” “You know what really bothers me about your family?” “Our anniversary was yesterday?” *(Ellis J. Biderson, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

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**In a successful marriage, there is no such thing as one's way. There is only the way of both, only the bumpy, dusty, difficult, but always mutual path. *(Phyllis McGinley, in The Province of the Heart)***

**The difference between painting the town and painting the porch is marriage. *(Country Extra magazine)***

**Marriage resembles a pair of shears, so joined that they cannot be separated; often moving in opposite directions, yet always punishing anyone who comes between them. *(Sydney Smith, English writer)***

**The marriage of James Carville and Mary Matalin inevitably leads people to a $64,000 question. How do two political partisans -- he, the chief strategist of the 1992 Clinton campaign, and she, the deputy manager of the Bush campaign -- get along? “You know when we had our least screamy conversations?” Matalin asks. “It was during the campaign, because we couldn't talk about what we were doing. People do this in all marriages, I think. They stay away from the topics that make the other's hair catch fire.” *(Marjorie Williams, in Vanity Fair)***

**Four out of five human societies have permitted each man to have more than one wife. This suggests men are basically polygamous. But in those polygamous societies, only one man in 10 has seen fit to have more than one wife. This suggests men are basically monogamous. So, are men basically polygamous or monogamous? *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Human beings do not obtain permanent possession of each other when they marry. All they obtain is the right to work at the job of holding onto each other. *(Jerome Weidman)***

**Definition of a prenuptial agreement: Paper a lawyer prepares to protect the party of the first part from the party of the second part should they discover the party's over. *(Rheta Grimsley Johnson, Scripps Howard News Service)***

**Married priests: Quite possible if, in an Eastern Rite, a Catholic priest is already married before becoming a priest. Also, a married Anglican priest can convert to Catholicism and stay married. *(Bingo Directories, Inc.)***

**To our Love and War man writes a fellow of sad experience: “Marriage is the process of finding out what sort of husband your wife would have preferred.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A couple married 45 years had raised 11 children and were blessed with 22 grandchildren. Asked the secret for staying together all that time, the wife replies, “Many years ago we made a promise to each other: The first one to pack up and leave has to take all the kids.” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Whoever thinks marriage is a 50-50 proposition doesn’t know the half of it. *(Franklin P. Jones, in Quote)***

**If you made a list of reasons why any couple got married, and another list of the reasons for their divorce, you’d have a lot of overlapping. *(Mignon McLaughlin, in The Neurotic’s Notebook)***

**On a visit home from college, I found my father listening to one of the many records in his beloved collection. “Dad,” I announced, “I have a surprise for you. I’m getting married.” He congratulated me and held out a record. “Son,” he said, “remember that marriage is like one of these. You get what you like on one side and take what you get on the other.” *(Ronnie Johnson, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Five months is said to be the typical time needed to recover from a broken romance, if it was really serious. Recovery from a broken marriage may take closer to five years, according to students of such matters. (*L. M. Boyd)***

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**When you marry you promise to love, honor and obey. If, after a year, you're one out of three, it's working out. *(Joan Rivers)***

**Half of all marriages end in divorce -- and then there are the really unhappy ones. *(Joan Rivers)***

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**It should cost as much to get married as it does to get divorced. Make it look like marriage is worth as much as divorce, even if it ain't. That would also make the preachers financially independent like it has the lawyers. *(Will Rogers)***

**Roll calls in large lecture halls on the first day of second semester are a necessary, but long, ordeal. Most of the students in my economics class at Iowa State University of Science and Technology in Ames answered “Here,” “Yes” or “Present” when their names were called. Far down the alphabet, the professor finally called one woman's name. “I got married over Christmas,” she said. “It's now Devine.” “I'm sure it is,” the professor replied. “But what is your new name?” *(Jean Bertman, in Reader's Digest)***

**Always get married early in the morning. That way, if it doesn't work out, you haven't wasted a whole day. *(Mickey Rooney)***

**When my father was a lieutenant stationed at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, California, he met my mother, and they fell in love. Dad had a single red rose sent to her every day. This went on for several weeks. Soon after their wedding, Dad went to the same florist and requested an inexpensive bouquet of flowers. “Oh, lieutenant,” the florist replied, “you must have gotten married!” *(Jennifer L. Bradshaw, in Reader’s Digest)***

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**I think men who have a pierced ear are better prepared for marriage. They've experienced pain and bought jewelry. *(Rita Rudner)***

**In Hollywood, marriage is a success if it outlasts milk. *(Rita Rudner)***

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**Something else every young couple should save for their old age is marriage. *(Sam Ewing)***

**A good marriage is like an incredible retirement fund. You put everything you have into it during your productive life, and over the years it turns from silver to gold to platinum. *(Willard Scott, in The Joy of Living)***

**Daughter: “What is the secret to a perfect marriage?” Astrologer: “Marry a man who doesn’t eat too much, doesn’t drink, gamble or stay out late or make a mess, and you have a perfect marriage?” Helga: “We’ll take two.” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)***

**When my husband went to work for a large corporation with young, attractive women, I was curious about the goings-on in the office. “Dear,” I asked, “just what would you do if a cute secretary made a pass at you?” To my horror he said, “One already has.” My heart fell and I squeaked, “Well, what did you do?” “I married her.” *(R. H., in Reader's Digest)***

**I wonder if the Buddha was married. His wife would say, “Are you just going to sit around like that all day?” *(Garry Shandling)***

**Minister asks Robert at the marriage ceremony: “And do you, Robert, promise to love, honor and share control of the TV remote?” *(Abbott cartoon, in Catholic Digest)***

**When two people are under the influence of the most violent, the most insane, the most delusive, and the most transient of passions, they're required to swear that they will remain in that excited, abnormal, and exhausting condition continuously 'til death do them part. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

**A man doesn't know what happiness is until he's married. By then, it's too late. *(Frank Sinatra, singer)***

**By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. *(Socrates)***

**Before a marriage, a man will lie awake all night thinking about something you said; after marriage, he'll fall asleep before you finish saying it. *(Helen Rowland)***

**Waitress: “How do you want your burgers?” Wife: “Well done with American cheese, mustard, but no tomatoes, onions or pickles. And a baked potato.” Husband: “I’ll have the same, ‘cept make it medium rare, with Swiss cheese, mayo, and the works! And some French fries.” Waitress: “One marriage special coming right up!” *(Ted Dawson, in Spooner comic strip)***

**In preparation for my daughter’s wedding, I went to the post office to get stamps for the invitations. The postal clerk suggested we use one of the commemorative sets available, and she showed me the stamp honoring John Paul Jones with the caption “I have not yet begun to fight.” *(Harriet Verzagt, in Reader’s Digest)***

**The test of a good marriage is when a man and a woman can enjoy each other's silence. *(Robert Louis Stevenson)***

**Instead of getting married again, I'm going to find a woman I don't like and just give her a house. *(Rod Stewart, rock star)***

**Why does a woman work ten years to change a man’s habits and then complain that he’s not the man she married? *(Barbra Streisand)***

**The father of the young woman asked his perspective son-in-law, “Young man, can you support a family?” The surprised groom-to-be replied, “Well, no. I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves.” *(Cecil Kottwityz, in The Lutheran Witness)***

**More marriages might survive if the partners realized that sometimes the better comes after the worse. *(Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)***

**My husband is five years younger than me, but I feel, “Hey, if you can't find a good man, raise one!” *(Wanda Sykes)***

**Marriage teaches you loyalty, forbearance, self-restraint, meekness and a great many other things you wouldn’t need if you had stayed single. *(Jimmy Townsend, in Reader’s Digest)***

**“One for the money; two for the show; three to get married; and four to go.” Many a wedding homily has incorporated the thought that it takes “three to get married.” A well-founded marriage includes not only the promises of bride and groom, but it also seeks the living presence of God as the third partner. *(Richard T. Hinz, in Portals of Prayer)***

**When a marriage matures, you can tolerate differences in each other. If she’s social and he’s a couch potato, it’s okay for her to go out socially and for him to be home watching the ballgame. Each one is happy that the other is having a good time, and neither one resents the other. That’s generous love. Selfish love is when she drags him out or he keeps her home. But that’s not really love: that’s control. It takes generous love to survive the large and small events of a long relationship. It takes generous love to keep on listening to each other – and to learn from the other. *(Daniel Gottlieb and Edward Claflin, in Family Matters: Healing in the Heart of the Family)***

**I had a friend who was getting married. I gave her a subscription to Modern Bride. The subscription lasted longer than the marriage. *(Lily Tomlin)***

**Many a marriage turns into a triangle because someone didn't know where to draw the line. *(Hal Boyle)***

**An unhappy marriage is when the “my's” have it. *(James Rhodes)***

**Our concept of marriage is so unrealistic. Too many people spend all the time getting ready for the wedding and none for the marriage. *(Lewis McNurlen)***

**“Congratulations!” said the uncle to the groom. “I’m sure you’ll look back and remember today as the happiest day of your life.” “But I’m not getting married until tomorrow,” said the groom. “I know that,” replied the uncle. *(Christopher Tome, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**Marriage is like a three-speed gearbox: affection, friendship, love. It is not advisable to crash your gears and go right through to love straightaway. You need to ease your way through. The basis of love is respect, and that needs to be learned from affection and friendship. *(Peter Ustinov)***

**The value of marriage is not that adults produce children, but that children produce adults. *(Peter De Vries, in The Tunnel of Love)***

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**Don't marry a man to reform him -- that's what reform schools are for. *(Mae West)***

**Marriage is a great institution, but I'm not ready for an institution, yet. *(Mae West, American actress)***

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**My parents said marrying was an optimistic thing to do in pessimistic times. *(Olivia Wilde, actress)***

**Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same. *(Oscar Wilde)***

**My mother, married many years, gave my husband and me these words of wisdom on our wedding day, “See that you pass the cream pitcher to each other handle first.” *(Lois B. Muehl, in Reader’s Digest)***

**One woman asks another: “So you’re wondering how many men you will make unhappy when you marry. How many do you expect to marry?” *(Tidbits)***

**My wife and I were happy for 20 years. Then we met. *(Henny Youngman)***

**You can be in a good marriage and you can be in a bad marriage, and they can both be the same one but just at different times. *(Anne Tyler, in Washington Post)***

**For marriage to be a success, every woman and every man should have her and his own bathroom. The end. *(Catherine Zeta-Jones, in InStyle)***

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