

## How to Light the Fire and Keep the Flame Burning

“Remember that you and your wife are partners in receiving God’s blessings, and if you don’t treat her as you should, your prayers will not get ready answers.” 1 Peter 3:7b TLB

We have an obligation to do everything we can to light the fire and keep the flame burning in marriage. Marriage is a high stakes relationship. So many people are counting on you to be a successful couple. Tell your children that sex is good, but frame it in the context of marriage.

Sex really is a gift from God. Human sexuality was God’s idea. A sexually satisfied partner rarely wanders. When needs are not met in marriage, they are going to be met in some other form. Hope deferred makes the heart sick. Every married couple falls into a familiar rut or routine, especially after years of married life. Routine is the enemy of intimacy in marriage. Creativity is a valuable ally in the war against worn-out habits and boring routines. You can do different things together. All men are not the same and all women are not the same. Find out what makes your spouse unique and love them with all your heart and mind.

“When it comes to sex women are like crock pots and men are like microwave ovens.” Dr. Gary Smalley

## Husbands

It is a smart man who will ask his wife for her opinion. If a man shares his feelings with his wife, it will draw them closer together. A man wants to know that he is needed by his wife. Men need recreational companionship.

## Wives

Men are visual. Your husband thinks about sex 33 times as much as you do. Women should initiate sex with their husband, call him at work, tell him you need him, even kidnap him and take him out of town for the weekend. A woman should do whatever she can to spark her husband’s interest. Wives consider accompanying your husbands to football games and read a book during the game.

## Conclusion

Too many marriages flounder and fail after five to seven years. Work toward the oneness that God intended for you to have together.