

# The Art of Marriage

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***Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens. A good marriage must be created. In the art of marriage, the little things are the BIG THINGS...***

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- It is never being too old to hold hands.
  - It is remembering to say "I love you," at least once a day.
  - It is never going to sleep angry.
  - It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.
  - It is at no time taking the other side for granted; the courtship shouldn't end with the honeymoon, it should continue through all the years.
  - It is doing things for each other, not in the attitude of duty or sacrifice, but in the spirit of joy.
  - It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.
  - It is not expecting the husband to wear a halo or the wife to have wings like an angel. It is not looking for perfection in each other. It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding, and a sense of humour.
  - It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each other can grow.
  - It is finding room for the things of the spirit. It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.
  - It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.
  - It is not marrying the right partner, it is being the right partner.
  - It is discovering what marriage can be, at its best, as expressed in the words of Mark Twain used in the tribute to his wife: Wherever she was, there was Eden.