Marriage Advice from our Prime Timers

- I lost my husband four months before our fiftieth anniversary. We had a good life while we were married. Don't let the day end in a bad mood.
- Respect each other and love each other.
- Lots of love and respect and determination to make it work. – married 71 years
- Enter marriage with the determination "until death us do part".
- Patience is the key. Communication is essential. Love each other as Jesus loves the church.
- Make sure you are both Christians before you get married.
- Fix your eyes on the Lord Jesus, and both of you will be drawn closer to Him and closer to each other.
- Love – married 60 years
- Don't think you are always right – be patient and understanding.
- Love each other even if you don't like the situation at the time. Pray through your problems.
- Be patient with each other. – married 61 years
- Remember you took your vows before God and man. The best thing you can do is get involved in church, and put God first in your life.
- Always remember special occasions with a card or gifts to let them know how much you care.
- Keep your mouth shut.
- Always let the man think he is right and everything will be okay.
- Be grateful in ALL things. – married 62 years
- Married 50 Years:
  - Keep Christ in your life.
  - Be active in church, Bible study and choir.
  - Share Jesus with others.
  - Have Christian children and grandchildren.
- Don't give up – keep on trying – turn it over to the Lord.
- Keep Christ in the center of your life. Be true to your mate. Remember the love you had, and make it grow deeper. Love your children and pass on to them your love.
- Be best friends and love each other no matter what happens. Don't stay angry with each other.
- As a saved person, do not worry but live in God's will.
- Tell your spouse to shut up and sit down!
- Love and respect each other. Honor the vow you made to God, "'til death do us part".
- Forgive and forget. – married 65 years
- Don't go to bed angry; stay up and fight. – married 65 years
- Have regular prayer time together.
- Always be kind to one another.
- Show a lot of love and take a lot of love.
- Settle all disagreements before going to sleep. – married 61 years
- Go to church together.....unless working at TVA to keep the lights on at church.
- Ladies: marry a good Christian man with the same Christian values of you and your family. Stay loyal with the church. Have patience – patience – patience!!!! – married 55 years with many trials
- Always be considerate of each other.

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- My wife accompanied me on many moves including living in Alaska and Germany. You have to learn to compromise.
- Always put God first in your life and in all decisions you make together.
- Advice from a couple married 54 years:
  - Read your Bible together.
  - Pray about your disagreements.
  - Take your children to church.
- My husband always had the last word, "yes Ma'am".
- Always work together and let the Lord be the center of your home. – married 53 years
- Communicate!
- Be forgiving
- Be active in Sunday school and church, and keep Christ in your life. Study the Bible daily and share the Lord with others. Any decisions that need to be made discuss them together and come to an agreement. Pray for each other every day and for others you know who need your prayers. I was married 60 years before I lost my husband. We had a good life together.
- Pray together daily!
- Say "yes ma'am"!
- Surrender your will. Make decisions together. Keep romance in your marriage.
- Put the Lord first. "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct you in (marriage and) all things." – Prov. 3:6
- God's Word says, "wives submit yourselves to your husband". This is a willing submission; develop His leadership. Practice honesty and trust!
- The old cliché: "The family that prays together stays together" is true! Go to church together.
- Good communication! A forgiving heart.
- Have a forgiving and accepting heart toward your spouse. Always say, "I love you!" – married 47 years
- Husbands, be sure to listen to your wives.
- Married 57 years; lost husband in January of 2012:
  - Have your quiet time together to discuss personal things.
  - Pray together.
  - Never go to bed angry.
  - There will always be hard times - but prayer is the answer.
- Support each other in good times and bad times and know God is always there. – married 62 years
- Be able to talk and always put your spouse first.
- Be as willing to help in things important to your spouse as you are when it is only a friend or other family member making a request of you. Even if you don't always agree, if it is important to your spouse, they should come first. Go the extra mile.
- Don't go to bed mad. Get your arguing done before another day. Don't hold it over for another day. – married 52 years
- Send him to the golf course – give each other space. Also, respect, love and pray a lot!