

Grandfather's Loving Advice For Husband and Wife

✻ We should never marry with the thought of anyone making us happy, but with the thought of what we can give to make that one happy. Husband and wife should have love, compassion, sympathy, patience, kindness, humility, gentleness, and helpfulness. Where are you to get these? From The Lord. ✻ Never criticize one another or make fun of one another before your children. When you have a difference of opinion (and you will have), do not argue, but discuss it quietly. Never raise your voice in anger, and try to resolve all of your problems in private. ✻ Mother should never allow the children to criticize or make fun of their father, and father should never allow the children to criticize or make fun of their mother. ✻ Parents should not always please their children, if it would not be pleasing to the Lord to do so. ✻ Training and teaching children is a full-time job for both parents. About the first thing is to teach obedience, and the mother has the first chance, almost from birth. The next to teach is the Scripture, starting at an early age with Bible stories. ✻ The Bible gives the father the responsibility for spiritual training of children, but the mother can be a very, very great help. ✻ The father should so live that the children can see and understand God through him. If the children learn early to obey their parents, it will be much easier for them to obey God. ✻ The wife should be in subjection to her husband and should give him support, encouragement, inspiration, and help him achieve his goal. ✻ Children should be taught to work and accept responsibility, and they should be encouraged in their work. ✻ Never talk about your husband or wife or about your family life in public, unless it will bring honor and glory to the Lord. ✻ Children, in learning to obey, should also learn to honor father and mother (Deut. 5:16). ✻ Father and mother should have a strong sense of duty, first to the Lord, then to each other, and to their children. ✻ Sexual intercourse between husband and wife can and should be delightfully wonderful. Sex should never be withheld as punishment, nor used as a bribe. Sex is not love, but should be with love. What is love? Love is giving. We cannot take love; we can only give love. There is no selfishness in love.

May the Lord bless you all your days,

Grandfather

