

Conversation Starters for Married Couples use RELATIONSHIP instead of marriage

It's amazing how we can be married ten, twenty, thirty, forty, or even fifty plus years and still find there is much we don't know about each other. Some experts say it's because we've lost the art of conversation. Others say it's because we don't allow it to continue after we marry. We allow everyday living to separate and distance us instead.

Whatever the case, it's none-the-less important to keep the lines of communication and conversation open. That way you grow together rather than apart. Don't allow yourself to get into the situation like Pat Williams describes:

"The trouble in our marriage wasn't infidelity, it was fidelity with fatigue, a marriage gone soft and sour due to lack of attention. It was the lack of communication that nearly killed us."

Be Intentional.

Look, find, figure out, MAKE the time to converse and connect with each other in meaningful ways.

"Dialog is to love what blood is to the body."

So, to help you in this mission for your marriage, we have provided some "Conversation Starters" from various resources to help you get started.

Keep in mind that these questions are not meant to cause division between you. They are meant to help you to better understand and know each other. If the conversation starts to go in a negative direction, stop and start again. If you need to revisit a particular question at another time to bridge your differences, then set a time to do so. But aim to do it in a way that is respectful of each other's character and feelings.

During this time, however, keep the conversation going in a less confrontational direction.

Below you will find a sampling of several questions from the book titled, *Creative Conversation Starters for Couples*, written by Robert and Pamela Crosby, published by *Honor Books*. Unfortunately, this resource is no longer in print. (But if you can find a copy of the book somewhere in the future, you may find it helpful).

During your time together ask each other as many of the questions below as you decide to do at one sitting. (You can ask additional questions during other times you set aside.)

Questions to Ask:

- If you could store up only one hour's worth of memory in your mind, which hour of our marriage would you want to remember?
- If you could have witnessed any biblical event, which one would you choose?
- When do you feel most loved?
- Which strengths in your life bring you the greatest satisfaction?
- What is the best way for me to encourage you?
- What time of day is best for us to talk?
- If we could just drop what we're doing and go do something fun, what would it be?

- What is one of the most adventurous things you've ever done?
- In your opinion, what makes a great parent?
- What are five essential values we want our children to embrace above all others?
- What can we do as a couple to change the world in which we live?
- What goals would you like us to accomplish in our marriage in the next year? ... five years? ... ten years?