



Married Best Friends

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- What most married people want most is for their spouse to be their _____ and _____ friend.

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24

To be married to your best friend . . .

1. BE THE KIND OF FRIEND YOU'VE ALWAYS _____ TO HAVE.

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

- Men and women build friendships _____.
- How could you be a better friend to your spouse? _____

2. BASE YOUR FRIENDSHIP ON THE _____ AND _____ OF JESUS

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:12-15

- One of the goals of Christian marriage is to make you _____.

3. BUILD YOUR FRIENDSHIP ON CONSTANT _____ AND _____

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. Proverbs 17:17

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

Next Steps: *Connecting People to the Life-Changing Love of Christ*

- Thank Jesus for His friendship to you.
- Be the kind of friend to others that Jesus is to you.
- E-mail jim@ovbc.net to sign up for "The Art of Marriage" February 28 - March 1.