

MARRIAGE MAGIC

things that make your marriage work

Stealing Time – Together

There are many ways you can be sneaky and steal time together. Here are just a few:

- **Set your alarm to go off an hour earlier in the morning**, make love while the children are still asleep, and start your day a new and wonderful way.

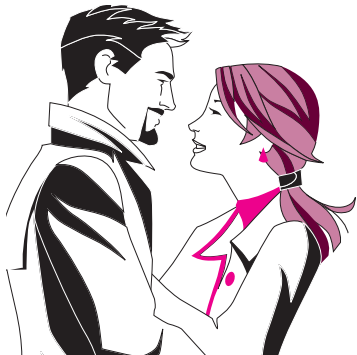
- **While the children are busy eating breakfast or watching cartoons, join your mate in the shower.** Wash each other's hair and soap each other's bodies. The sensual memory will remain with you all day.

- When your children are young, their **nap time can signal your opportunity to make love.**

- When your children are older and involved with outside activities, **the time they're away from the house is the time for you and your mate to meet for an "afternoon delight."**

- **After the kids go off to school in the morning**, you and your mate can decide to be late to work for a very important reason.

Ellen Kreidman, HOW CAN WE LIGHT A FIRE WHEN THE KIDS ARE DRIVING US CRAZY?, Villard Books



Men Need Respect

One important aspect of respect is how you treat your husband in the privacy of your home. *How do you speak to your husband, especially in front of your children?* Privately treat your husband with honor, respect and dignity. Do not talk to him like he is stupid or the enemy. Even when you are frustrated, remember you are on the same team. Talk to him with a tone of voice that lets him and others know that you respect him.

Respect also determines how you treat your husband publicly. **The primary need a man has is the respect of his wife.**

Tommy Nelson, BETTER LOVE NOW!, B&H Publishing Group

It's the Little Things

When my hubby worked nights at a convenience store during a bout of looking for full-time employment, he used to sneak in about 6:00 in the morning and bring me a cup of coffee and a dozen of the famous Tyler, Texas roses about once a week. The store where he worked would have a delivery once a week, and he got first pick of the bunch. They were so beautiful! Even though we were broke at the time, it only cost \$1, but it really made me feel special. To this day, he still brings me coffee in bed almost every day.

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Women Love Appreciation

Here's an exercise: **Walk up to your wife, put your hands on her shoulders, and look into her eyes. Then, for the next thirty seconds, without looking away, tell her how much she means to you and how you appreciate all she does.** Even with her fallibilities and failures, thank her for being a good in-law to your parents, a mother to your children, a friend to your friends, and for taking care of your home. You'll probably get choked up and start squeaking about halfway through. Husbands, tell your wife what you think about her, that she's precious to you.

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Who Needs Dates?

Why would a couple that lives and sleeps together every night need dates and rituals? Precisely because they live and sleep together.

Bill Doherty