

Want to Build Up Your Marriage?

Take this quiz and see how you're doing.

1. Do I nitpick? Do I find fault with what my mate wears, says, or does? How often?
2. Do I take the time to encourage my mate?
3. Do we talk things out? Have we set aside time just for us?
4. When was the last time we took a weekend away from the children?
5. When was the last time I gave my mate a compliment?
6. When was the last time I gave my mate a special present for absolutely no particular reason except to say, "I love you"?
7. Speaking of "I love you," when was the last time I said those three little wonderful words to my mate?
8. What is the one thing I *know* my mate would love to have me do? Am I planning to do it this week?
9. Do we share our thoughts, feelings, dreams, and struggles with each other?
10. Do I take the time to find out what my mate is really interested in? Do I take the time to understand the ins and outs of his or her favorite pastime or activity?
11. When was the last time I "kidnapped" my mate from the office (or maybe from the laundry room) to take him or her away on an overnight?
12. When was the last time I came home early from work to take care of little Fletcher or Mary and let my mate go window shopping or run some errands?
13. When was the last time I said, "I'm sorry. I was wrong. Will you forgive me?"

How do your birth order characteristics influence your strengths and weaknesses? In what areas are you succeeding? In what areas are you struggling? What are some steps you can take today to begin viewing your marriage through your spouse's eyes?