

Our 45th Wedding Anniversary

As I was thinking about a reflection that I might share, I'd decided to do one on marriage since Cindy and I are celebrating our 45th wedding Anniversary this weekend. I feel like the older I get, the less I know, but as I look back, I am so grateful for the advice that I asked for, sometimes didn't ask for, from couples and individuals that had figured out how to make their marriage work, a successful partnership.

Here are a few things that I have learned. We show our love for each other by our actions of fidelity, respect, and admiration for one another. We can solve all things together with solid communication skills of a little give and take. Add a little humor and help each other laugh.

Speak positively about one another and never speak negatively of one another in each other's absence. Relax, it's not all about you. We can trust one another and are worthy of that trust. We keep the flame of our marriage bright by regular dates, helping each other grow. We pray, go to church together. We do the same with our children. Learn to be patient, kind and forgiving of one another. Never give up!! Create regular couple and family memories. Set meaningful goals each year, and have fun together.

So, these are just few things I have learned. And the list goes on. Whether you are celebrating your #1,#5,#10,#25,#50 or more, I expect you are working through things to have a great marriage, a great partnership. With time it becomes like the greatest jewel, the greatest treasure on earth. And it is so nice that you can travel through life with someone you care for.

Together through life, Deacon Mike

