15 Ways To Love Your Fiancé

Happily Ever After

Marriage 365
Congratulations! You’re engaged to the love of your life. Now what?

Being engaged is undoubtedly one of the most exciting and also stressful times in a couple’s life. Wedding planning is in full swing and the anticipation of what is to come is high. We want to ensure that you not only make the time for your relationship but also that you choose love.

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Faith, hope, love, but the greatest is love. Why? Love is faith and hope — in action. There is nothing about what or how you feel in the definition of love. We as a culture have defined love as a feeling, an emotion that fills all five senses. The fact is that choosing love will often require you to act indirect opposition to what you may be feeling in that moment. This is risky — you don’t know how the other person is going to respond. It will require discipline and you have to be consistent at this. Remember that love is a not a sprint, but a marathon. It will require you to be intentional. You have to plan for this in your upcoming marriage.

Here are 20 practical and powerful ways to put your love in action:

PICK UP THEIR FAVORITE STARBUCKS DRINK. Have the barista write a short love note saying “I love you” or “So excited to say I Do”. A simple beverage surprise can brighten your fiancé’s mood instantly.

THE 60 SECOND BLESSING. This is one of the greatest habits you can use in your marriage. You begin by speaking 60 seconds of love, encouragement, and appreciation to your partner. Then it’s your partner’s turn. Do this in person, over the phone, or on a text. It’s simple, quick and so meaningful.
SEND THEM THOUGHTFUL TEXT MESSAGES. Texting is a great way to flirt and stay connected throughout the day. Here are some ideas:

- I love planning our wedding with you.
- You’re sexy!
- I won’t give up on us, no matter what comes our way.
- Call in sick. Let’s be together all day!
- You inspire me.
- I miss you.
- I can’t wait for our honeymoon...
- How did I get so lucky to have you?

PLAN A 30 SECOND HUG. Plan a time when you can embrace your partner (non-sexually) and enjoy being physically close. This is not a soft hug with a gentle pat on the back. This is a bear hug lasting at least 30 seconds.

PLAN A DATE NIGHT. Date nights that do not include a movie, watching TV or planning the wedding! A meaningful date night is spending quality time talking, laughing and engaging with one another. Make memories and have fun!

MAKE THEIR FAVORITE DESSERT/MEAL. Casey often says that the 6th Love Language that Gary Chapman forgot to put in his book is food. Making your fiancé’s favorite meal or dessert is an excellent and inexpensive way to show them your love.

BRAG ABOUT YOUR FIANCÉ. We love seeing couples affirm their partner in public. Post pictures on Facebook and Instagram, declaring your love and thankfulness for your fiancé. The next time you’re out with friends and family, say something kind about each other. Public affirmation is beyond flattering and shows your partner that you really love them.
WRITE A LOVE NOTE AND HIDE IT. Hand written love notes will never go out of style and are always appreciated. Write the love note, fold it up and place it somewhere in their purse, under their pillow or in their car for them to find.

GIVE A 10-MINUTE BACK RUB. Physical touch is a great way to show love and after a long day a nice back or foot rub can soothe away the stress.

CLEAR THE DECK. Once a week, we ask each other, “Babe, is there anything I need to apologize for?” We call this clearing the deck because sometimes we say or do something that we’re unaware of and it hurt our partner. This is a great way to keep the atmosphere healthy in your relationship and it shows your partner you care about their feelings.

PUT ON MUSIC AND ASK THEM TO DANCE. Whether it’s Pitbull’s Fire-ball or Sinatra’s Come Fly With Me, a dance in the living room with your fiancé can draw you closer. There’s something about holding each other close and having fun that’s just magical.

DESCRIBE A MEMORABLE TIME WHEN YOU FELT LOVED. Sit down over dinner and share a time in your relationship where you felt really loved by your partner. Tell them the story, the details, and thank them for that special moment.

SIGN UP FOR PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING. The smartest couples know that investing in their relationship is worth the time and the money. In fact, couples who go through pre-marital counseling have a 30% higher chance of having a long-lasting marriage. We have a great online pre-marital course called Happily Ever After which includes 125 questions every couple should ask before getting married. Sign up, we promise you won’t regret it!
DREAM TOGETHER. You must cultivate a sense of excitement and anticipation about the future, which helps carry you through those dry seasons or even the stressful wedding planning. Couples who stop sharing common goals together often drift apart and become more like roommates than lovers. Talk about what you both want to accomplish in the first year of your marriage, both professionally and personally. Talk about where you see yourselves in ten, twenty or even fifty years from now.

ASK OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS. This might be the hardest one but it’s the most rewarding one on the list because as you ask open-ended questions, you have the opportunity to learn more about your spouse’s dreams, fears, desires, and belief system. Here are a few to get you started:

- How much alone time do you need?
- How did your parents show their love to you growing up?
- How do we balance holiday and special occasions with both families and also make sure to have special time for us?
- If we get stuck in our marriage, are you willing to seek outside help with a counselor?

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