

Faith-Filled HOLIDAYS

New Year's STRONG MARRIAGE ANNUAL PLAN

BEST USE

As a date night discussion guide

SPIRITUAL VALUE

Helps you plan what activities and time slots to protect during the coming twelve months for building a strong marriage.

ADVANCE PREPARATION

- Schedule a dinner or coffee date on or within a few days of New Years.
- Bring your calendar on the date.
- Each spouse spend time identifying several priorities to put on the calendar for the upcoming year (see page two for ideas).

DURING THE DATE

1. Complete the questionnaire on page two together.
2. Schedule dates and times on both spouses' calendars to make sure your strong marriage priorities trump other commitments.

Strong Marriage Priorities

Every married couple needs to be intentional in several areas. Discuss the following questions together, then select an idea or create your own to put on your schedules.

Question: How will we protect routine times for non task-driven communication?

- Schedule an evening walk together twice weekly
- Schedule a date night twice monthly
- _____
- _____

Question: Should we read a book, attend a class, or seek guidance to improve a specific area of our marriage?

- Shared vision and goals
- Managing money
- Better communication
- Parenting the kids
- Romantic intimacy
- _____
- _____

Question: When do we think we will feel most stressed during the coming year so we can plan a weekend get-away together to recharge our batteries and rekindle romance? _____

Where would we like to go that we can afford? _____

Who could watch the kids? _____

Question: How can we help each other improve physically and emotionally?

- Work out together
- Eat out less often to cook healthy meals at home
- Give each other time alone with God by watching kids, etc.
- _____
- _____

Question: When will we incorporate the habit of praying together into our relationship?

- At the end of evening walks twice weekly
- Before going to sleep each night
- _____
- _____