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## MARRIAGE TIP

"A good marriage is like a casserole, only those responsible for it really know what goes in it." Anonymous

Valentine's Day was yesterday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Married couples all over found their special way to celebrate their relationship. As a note of encouragement to those couples who have agreed to commit to matrimony, the quote above is essential to a long lasting marriage. There is a tendency to allow others into the sanctity of one's marriage by sharing too much information with others. TMI, TMI, as some say! Often when delicate moments are shared with those outside of the marriage it is a way of gaining a cheering squad to be on one's side and it can ruin a marriage. When God joins a couple together He says they become one. Remember the vows were made by the two of you to each other and God. No one else was expected to make those vows along with you. The trusted voice in a marriage to squelch disputes/challenges is God. Often our friends and family members just give an opinion. That's including non-responsible people with their input into the marriage and it is subject to create a mess. Most good cooks will tell everyone to excuse themselves from the kitchen so the masterpiece can be created for all to enjoy. You and your spouse are no longer two but one, and in order for the Master to create the marriage masterpiece in your relationship, excuse all the cooks out of the kitchen of your lives so your marriage can become something to be admired by others. God instituted marriage and He surely knows best how to make yours last. Be sure you two are employing Godly advice in your marriage and not just others opinions on how to work out any problems.

Love is in the air in February, but your marriage is to last 'til death we do part.' Love each other 365 days of the year and not just on special occasions. Spoil each other, laugh with each other, discuss things with each other, hug each other, kiss each other, date each other and always forgive each other. God is holding the two of you responsible for your marriage casserole. Make it tasty by letting Love be the essential ingredient to hold it together.

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