Don’t expect married life to be perfect, it isn’t. Learn to adjust, compromise, forgive and be thankful for every day you have.

Life is short, enjoy it.

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a Gift. That is why they call it the present.

You are not his mother.

Be his wife, girlfriend, lover and partner. No man wants a mother for a life partner. Keep calm when your husband gives you bad news, he will not tell you next time if you overreact (and scream). Men are like big puppies. Treat them nice, all they want to do is please you.
To the Groom

You are not her Father.
Support her, encourage her, and listen to her. Don’t solve her problems, just hear her out. Women need to vent, but are capable of making good decisions. She’s marrying you!

Women need 10 non-sexual touches a day to feel loved.
Always kiss her goodnight.

After this wonderful start to life, and you decide to have children, remember the two of you are still the same people who fell in love and married. When the children are grown and gone, it will be the two of you together again. Stay dating and don’t let those little ones take your spouse’s place.
My advice, “Plan for your marriage, not just your wedding.” Let’s hope your wedding day will be only one of the many happy days of your life.

Don’t expect to have as newlyweds, what your parents have. In most cases they have been married a long time. If you ask them, they will probably tell you some of their happiest times were before they had a nice home, furnishings or a car.
Smile and welcome your spouse when he comes home. Forget talking about problems as soon as he gets in the door. Make him glad he came home.

Some things between a husband and a wife should not be discussed with family and friends.

Do not run to your family every time there is a problem. Solve it together.

Strong marriages aren’t built on good times. They’re built on the bad times.

If something does go wrong with the plan on your wedding day, that’s what makes your day special! You will not remember the things that went smoothly. The cake falling off the table and getting all over your beautiful dress you will remember. You can often tell how well a bride will handle a problem in her marriage by the way she handles a problem on her wedding day. Be graceful, people will be watching.
To parents & friends

Let them make mistakes and let them correct them!

Parents need to step back and let the newlyweds work things out. The best advice my parents gave to me before I married: “Choose to marry someone who makes you happy, however, don’t put your feet under my table and complain about them.”

Translation – “You married them, you deal with it!”

Surprise your spouse once in a while. It doesn’t have to be extravagant. A hot BLT sandwich, a small bouquet of hand picked flowers, a note in the suitcase of a traveling spouse. Simple!

Never berate your spouse in front of others.

Help with daily chores. I have always said, “there’s nothing sexier than a man with his hands in dishwater.” (I’m sure men feel the same way about women cutting grass or “makin’ wood”.)
When a problem between spouses is difficult to discuss (maybe it’s too emotional – anger or sorrow is too great) don’t avoid the issue… communicate by letter about the problem.

1. **It leaves the emotion out.**
2. **It keeps a healthy dialog going.**
3. **You are forced to think about what you want to say.**
4. **You cover the subject more thoroughly and don’t leave important thoughts out.**

Don’t sweat the small stuff... and it’s all small stuff.

*In order for a marriage to work well, both husband and wife have to be flexible.*

Save 10% of your income to permanent savings and don’t touch it. Don’t spend everything you have.