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KEEP THE LINES OF MARRIAGE OPEN

I. Perhaps one of the hardest tasks is to keep lines of communication open.

A. If I get a wrong no. --

B. If I get a busy --

C. If I get a D.A. irrespective of my message it's not delivered. *Card 1-2-3*

D. Doesn't this apply to a couple?

I Cor. 1:10 "Now I beseech you br. by the

II. How may I keep it open? - 6 Ideas.

A. Complete honesty.

1. Don't we have a right to know how each feels?

2. Is it better to tell - or let the other guess?

3. Suppose you freely said what you feel about:

(a) Money.

(1) Couple & bills - bait.

(b) Ambitions.

(1) Life card. *# if*

(c) Fears.

(1) Dr. Louisa Best.

(d) Work.

(1) Gary Player quote.

(e) Mistakes - don't hide.

John 3:19-20 "This is the condemnation

(1) Jim Patterson says Bride sees and then thinks "Aisle - Altar - Him."

B. Expressed appreciation.

1. Avoids the routine becoming dull.

2. Aren't meals necessary but can't they be a joy?

*He:
Aisle - You - You -
Do - Knott*

C. Mutual Faith in each other.

- 1. Don't grow apart or indifferent.

Isa. 53:6 "All we like sheep... everyone to his own

Amos 3:3 "Can 2 walk together except

Ps. 133:1 "Behold how good & how pleasant it

- 2. Do we voice this trust?
- 3. Are our chats & conversations negative? See Pg. 47 quote card. #5

Eph. 4:25 "Putting away lying, speak

Gal. 6:1 "If a man be overtaken in

D. Presence of Truth & Love.

Eph. 4:14-15 "No more children

2 Tim. 3:16-17 "All Scripture is given

- 1. What about the quality of my life?
- 2. Am I one that's described as "Ye that are spiritual"?

Matt. 5:19 "Whosoever therefore shall break

E. Recognize the inevitability of change.

(Clip on Prescriptions)

Rom. 8:28 "And we know that all things

- 1. Sickness.
- 2. Temporary job caused separation.
- 3. Economic.
- 4. Environment.
- 5. Death.
- 6. Changeless is:

- (1) God.
Ps. 102:25-27

- (2) Word.
Ps. 119:89 "Forever O Lord, thy

Ps. 33:11 "The counsel of the Lord

(3) Peace of mind clip.

F. Let the family pray together.

- 1. Voice needs
- 2. " ambitions
- 3. " attitudes

Best End 12-12-71

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Last year there were more prescriptions written for psychoactive drugs than there were persons in this country—and this does not include prescriptions in hospitals and clinics.—J. MAURICE ROGERS, Director of the Program of Development, San Francisco Community Mental Health Bureau, *Psychology Today*, 9-71

PEACE—Of Mind

I remember hearing of a young man who went to a minister in great distress about his spiritual state. He said to the minister, "Sir, can you tell me what I must do to find peace?"

The minister replied, "Young man, you are too late."

"Oh," said the young man, "You don't mean to say I am too late to be saved!"

"Oh, no," was the reply, "but you are too late to do something. Jesus did everything that needed to be done twenty centuries ago."—D. L. MOODY,
Moody Monthly, 10-71

A couple had been married two weeks and the husband was going through a batch of mail that had just arrived.

“Sweetheart,” he said, “aren’t these bills for clothes you bought before we were married?”

“Yes love,” she said, “I hope you’re not upset about it.”

“Well,” he replied, “don’t you think it’s a bit unfair to ask a fish to pay for the bait he was caught with?”

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Quote

LUCK

There is a story of Gary Player, the golfer, blasting the ball out of a bunker into the hole. "That was lucky," remarked a spectator.

"Yes," replied Player. "But, you know, the more I practice the luckier I get."—*Daily Express*, London, 10-11-71

DR. LOUISA BEST,
(marriage counselor from Zurich, Switzerland, advising women to play jacks or hop scotch with their husbands for 20 mins after they come home from work): "Men need childlike relaxation after a tense day at the office. If you're too busy cooking dinner to play with your mate, let him blow bubbles."



Hugo A. Bourdeau, a Baltimore marriage counselor, is 7 convinced that the inability of husbands and wives to talk to each other is our "No. 1" marriage problem. He says the inability to converse shows up in 85 of every 100 couples visiting marriage counselors. Bourdeau points out that, during courtship, couples spend hours together sharing attitudes and planning for the future. But he would agree that in some of the homes they set up, the wife's easy conversation freezes into a mystifying silence and the husband's tender murmurings of courtship days develop the full lung power of near raving.

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Hugo A. Bourdeau, a Baltimore marriage counselor, says: 2
Without communication, there can be no adjustment at all. Ability to converse on any subject, to air any problem which might arise, to share with the other the private fears and worries and desires is the bedrock of marriage. And it isn't always verbal. Attitudes are expressed by a smile, a frown, a shrug of the shoulders. These are powerful. We sense disapproval even though the spoken words are reassuring.*

*Bourdeau, Hugo A., "We Can't Talk to Each Other", Coronet,
July, 1959,
pp. 114-118

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Judge John Warren Hill of New York Domestic Relations ³
Court recently reported on 250,000 cases of marital failure that
have come before the court. His experience leads him to the
conclusion that "bottled up resentments constitute one of the
greatest dangers to marriage."* His formula? Talk it out. He
says that frank talk will do nothing but good, even though your
initial response may be shock and wounded pride. He does make
an important qualification--the marriage must be based on a firm
foundation of love and unselfishness.

*Hill, John Warren, "Talk It Out", This Week, March 9, 1958.

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A fellow and a girl who wed
Begin to live as one, 'tis said;
But many couples can't agree
Which one of them they wish to be.

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To be successful husbands and fathers, men must shift gears when they get home. They must give their minds, attention and fellowship to wife and children as completely as they do to their work at their place of employment. A father to be really appreciated by his children should be just as quick to play with them or listen to their accounts of the day as he is to grapple with a problem at the shop.

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