

*Rewrite  
into straight  
articles*

I. Disclaimer-not to be an expert on marriage,  
a participant, and constantly working at it.

II. TOLERANCE

Set your priorities, what is important, realize  
you are both human, and your way is not necessarily  
the only way. ex: toothpaste tube, dirty clothes on floor

UB quotes: p. 1098 " If once you understand your  
neighbor, you will become tolerant, and this tolerance  
will grow into friendship and ripen into love."

p. 1559 " Nathaniel most revered Jesus for his tolerance.  
He never grew weary of contemplating the broadmindedness and  
generous sympathy of the son of man."

p. 1740 " tact is the fulcrum of social leverage, and  
tolerance is the earmark of a great soul."

III. TOGETHERNESS

If you are not physically present with one another,  
there is no relationship. With the busy world we  
live in, try to make decisions which will provide  
more time for your spouse and family. A relationship  
is like a plant; it needs nurturing. Also if the  
relationship between the husband and wife is  
not functioning, the entire family will also be  
functionless. Be selfish with your time together.

UB p.928 "The real test of marriage. . .has been that  
continuous intimacy which is inescapable in all family life.  
Two pampered and spoiled youths. . .can hardly hope to make  
a great success of marriage and home building --a life  
long partnership of self-effacement, compromise, devotion  
and unselfish dedication to child culture."

IV. TEAMWORK

Realize that there <sup>are</sup> things you do well and others your  
partner does well. "Reduce competition and work together  
and you can accomplish much more.

p. 312 "One of the most important lessons to be learned  
during your mortal career is teamwork. The spheres of perfec--  
tion are manned by those who have mastered this art of working  
with other beings. Few are the duties in the universe  
for the lone servant."

p. 932 "A man and a woman, co-operating even aside from family  
and offspring, are vastly superior in most ways to either  
two men and two women."

## V. PARENTING

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Prior to first baby--take some time together and write out your role expectations for yourself and your spouse AFTER BABY ARRIVES. i.e. who does what in keeping the household in order. Every member of the family should be included in caring for the new member. The act of becoming a parent is very experiential and not easily described, but must be felt.

Finally, seek out and find peer groups for yourself (primary carefaker) and your family. It is very important with the decline of extended families that you build a network of friends who are experiencing the same situations you are and are there to share the "ups and downs" with you. These can be found through child birth classes, neighbors, Childbirth Education Association, LaLeche League, and ~~xx~~ others.

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	CMM	ETM	Shared	as needed	hire out
Change diapers					
food shopping					
Laundry					
earn money					
trash out					
housework					
gardening					
pay bills					
nursing b.					
bottle washing					
cooking					
going out for food					
bathe baby					
fix baby food					
play w/ b.					
Xmas cards					
fix house					
burp baby.					
b. to doctor					
teach b. to read					
teach b. to swim					