

# One Hundred Things

I want to Share With Her Before She's a Bride

1. *Always Choose Love.* Above all things. (1 Corinthians 13)
2. *Give him all your heart.* Not only a part of it.
3. *Laugh together.* For the rest of your lives.
4. *Forgive.* "A happy marriage is the union of two good forgivers." ~ Ruth Bell Graham
5. *And forget.* Once it's been forgiven, put it behind you and never pick it back up again.
6. *Cling to each other in the hard times.* Don't let trials pull you apart, but bring you closer together instead.
7. *Don't let fear hold you back.* Take risks and step out together.
8. *Kiss him on the lips.* Every day. For a long time.
9. *Don't try to change him.* He's a good man just as he is. He might have room to grow – but then again, so do you. Leave that work to the Holy Spirit.
10. *Pray for him.* Make it your daily ministry to lift him up before your Heavenly Father.  
He needs a praying wife.
11. *Hold hands.* When you're walking together, when you're driving together, and sometimes simply grab his hand for no reason.
12. *Confide in him.* Share with him your thoughts, your dreams, your fears, and your hopes.  
Never keep anything from each other.
13. *Don't be surprised when faced with a trial.* It's not something to tip-toe around, but something to walk through. So walk through it together.
14. *Be quick to admit when wrong.* Don't waste a minute holding on to your pride.
15. *Look for little ways to delight him.* Be mindful of those small preferences of his.

16. *Greet him with a loving smile.* Who wouldn't love coming home to that every night?
17. *Allow him to make mistakes.* Don't hold it against him. "Everyone makes mistakes" applies to husbands too.
18. *Protect your marriage.* Set up safeguards together to keep things and people from harming what you've got.
19. *Never leave off with the romance.* It might not be the foundation of your love, but it sure makes for good glue.
20. *Be sweet to him.* He'll always be glad for a little of that.
21. *Care about your appearance.* Not out of vanity, but in making an effort to put forth your best.
22. *Speak well of him to others.* Never put him down or make a slight.
23. *Be trustworthy.* "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her" (Prov.31:11).
24. *Give grace.* He'll need you to extend him grace from time to time. Don't we all need that?
25. *Seek to be servant-hearted.* Take pleasure in serving him. "By love serve one another" (Gal. 5:13).
26. *Be filled with joy.* "It is His joy that remains in us that makes our joy full" ~ A.B. Simpson
27. *Be a wise woman.* "She opens her mouth with wisdom" (Prov. 31:26a).
28. *And speak kindness.* "...and on her tongue is the law of kindness" (Prov. 31:26b).
29. *Let the little things go.* Don't hang on to small annoyances.
30. *Work through the big things.* Take the time to talk those through.
31. *Don't go to bed angry.* Ephesians 4:26
32. *Be honest.* It's important to speak the truth – in love – to him. Always.
33. *Throw a little surprise in there.* Every-once-in-a-while. Just for fun.
34. *Enjoy the man he is.* Don't compare him to anyone else.

35. *Be strong for him.* “Strength and honor are her clothing” (Prov. 31:25)
36. *Let him know when you’re feeling weak.* Sometimes he might need to be reminded that, even still, you’re the weaker vessel.
37. *Put your hope in the Lord.* Psalm 71:5
38. *Be willing to listen.* Be quick to hear. (James 1:9)
39. *Make his love your priority.* Even above your children.
40. *Give yourself room to grow.* Love is not perfect – it’s just loving.
41. *Remember he’s not your girlfriend.* He won’t always understand or relate, so don’t have unreasonable expectations.
42. *But be sure he’s your best-friend.* Invest in your friendship.
43. *Fall asleep in his arms.* Whenever possible.
44. *Show him respect.* Especially in front of your children.
45. *Let him care for you.* It’s his job.
46. *Set aside date nights.* Whether at home or going out.
47. *Admire him.* Make sure you’re his biggest fan.
48. *Stand by him.* Your loyalty is invaluable.
49. *Enjoy the passion.* Keep the fire burning. Like, say...Song of Solomon?
50. *Decide in the beginning that you’re going to stick together until the very end.*  
“Till death do you part.”
51. *Do him good.* All the days of your life. (Proverbs 31:12)
52. *Keep in mind that marriage can be hard work.* But it’s so worth the effort.
53. *Speak only those things that edify.* That it “may give grace to the hearer.” (Ephesians 5:29)
54. *Sometimes the best thing you can do is not say anything at all.*

55. *Show appreciation for the many things he does.* For both the big and the small things.
56. *Look to him as the leader of your home.*
57. *Make his dreams...your dreams.* Treasure them like your own.
58. *Look into each other's eyes.* Adoringly and each day.
59. *Be extravagant in your love.* Go big.
60. *Work together.* In the garage, the kitchen, the garden, or the barn. It's always more fun with two.
61. *Allow for hormonal fluctuations.* But don't make it an excuse for sin.
62. *Speak his love language - what says love to him.* And speak it fluently!
63. *Don't make accusations.* Ask questions, but don't begin with blame.
64. *Start each day with a smile and a kiss.* What better way to begin?
65. *Share interests together.* As many as possible.
66. *Welcome him into your world.* Don't keep him at a distance.
67. *Laugh at his jokes.* Yes, even if you've heard them before.
68. *Remember the one you fell in love with.* Don't let him get lost in the dailyness of life.
69. *Abide in Christ.* And then keep abiding. (John 15)
70. *Cast all your care upon Him.* Because He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)
71. *Fix his favorite foods.* You know what they say about the way to a man's heart...
72. *Communicate confidence in who he is and what he's about.* So powerful in a man's life.
73. *Keep tenderness in your love.* Don't let hardness or sharpness creep in to make it brittle.
74. *Let him know what you need from him.* It might not be as obvious as you think it is.
75. *Differentiate what you need...from what you want.*

76. *Pray through problems.* Don't work it out on your own. (Romans 8:26)
77. *Convince him that he's the man of your dreams.* And he'll become that man.
78. *Give thanks.* Always. For all things. (Ephesians 5:20)
79. *Go to the Word when things seem dark.* God's Word will be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path. (Psalm 119:105)
80. *Intertwine your lives wherever possible.* Run errands, go for walks, curl up on the couch. Just seek to be together.
81. *Make the most of little moments.* Don't wait for sweeping moments – those are mostly found in the movies.
82. *Gratefully accept his gifts.* Don't mention the price or how he got it "wrong". Just be thankful.
83. *Always remain lovers.* Do the kinds of things that lovers do.
84. *Judge him not.* That you be not judged. (Matthew 7:1)
85. *Celebrate your anniversary.* Do something special together and recognize the grand occasion that it is.
86. *Don't hang out with friends who put him – or their own husbands – down.* So destructive.
87. *Back him up in his decision-making.* He'll value your support.
88. *Give up your need to be right.* It's not as bad as it sounds.
89. *Cheerfully help him out.* You're his "help-meet", aren't you?
90. *The Lord can heal your hurts.* Your husband cannot. So don't resent him for something he can't do. (Psalm 147:3)
91. *Write little love notes.* Tuck them in his lunch. Or write on the bathroom mirror. Send a text message, if you must.

92. *Embrace your differences.* If you were both the same? How boring would that be.
93. *Express enthusiasm for his plans and ideas.*
94. *Timing can make all the difference in the world.* Discuss difficult things when you're both rested – and fed.
95. *Make his priorities your own.* Bump them up to the top of your list.
96. *Lovingly bear with him.* He'll have his faults (as *will you*). (Ephesians 4:2)
97. *Fear the Lord.* And you shall be praised. (Proverbs 31: 30)
98. *Reach out and touch.* A tender touch can do so much good - for you both.
99. *Marriage is like a long, slow walk together.* More a marathon than a sprint.  
So just keep walking. Together.

*100. Always choose love – again and again.*

*The greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13*

