

*6 Bad Things
that sneak up on Good Marriages* Ephesians 5:25-33

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#1 The sneak attack of _____
(Ephesians 5:25-30, 33)

- a) It steals the _____ needed to nourish our spouse (vs. 29)
- b) It steals the _____ needed for love and respect (vs. 33)
- c) It chokes out our _____ of Christ (vs. 29-30) (Luke 8:14)

How often do you _____ your schedule?

#2 The sneak attack of _____
(Ephesians 4:29-32)

- a) We need wholesome _____ (vs. 29-31)
- b) We need wholesome _____ (vs. 32)

What is your plan for healthy " _____ " ?

#3 The sneak attack of _____

#4 The sneak attack of _____
(2 Corinthians 6:14-16)

- a) Rediscover things that create _____ and fellowship (vs. 14)

(continued on back)

- b) Affirm the things that demonstrate your _____ and agreement (vs. 15-16)

How are you and your spouse similar and how do you _____ one another?

#5 The sneak attack of _____
(Proverbs 21:2-7, 20) (See sermon "Fractured Finances")

- a) You need _____, truth and justice
- b) You need a _____, diligence and patience

What elements are _____ from your finances?

#6 The sneak attack of _____ from the _____
(John 1:12; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

- a) In Christ, you have the _____ to be a child of God (John 1:12)
- b) In Christ, you have the right to be a _____ creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)

What do you choose as the _____ of your new birth?

INSIGHT FOR LIFE

I will do a "virus scan" of my marriage and _____ the sneak attacks that are being made.

My Notes

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#1 The sneak attack of busyness

(Ephesians 5:25-30, 33)

- a) It steals the tenderness needed to nourish our spouse (vs. 29)
- b) It steals the energy needed for love and respect (vs. 33)
- c) It chokes out our view of Christ (vs. 29-30) (Luke 8:14)

How often do you weed your schedule?

#2 The sneak attack of irritability

(Ephesians 4:29-32)

- a) We need wholesome words (vs. 29-31)
- b) We need wholesome responses (vs. 32)

What is your plan for healthy "venting?"

#3 The sneak attack of boredom

#4 The sneak attack of drift

(2 Corinthians 6:14-16)

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(continued on back)

- b) Affirm the things that demonstrate your harmony and agreement (vs. 15-16)

How are you and your spouse similar and how do you complement one another?

#5 The sneak attack of debt

(Proverbs 21:2-7, 20) (See sermon "Fractured Finances")

- a) You need righteousness, truth and justice
- b) You need a plan, diligence and patience

What elements are missing from your finances?

#6 The sneak attack of pain from the past

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