

## How Does Marriage Serve the Church?

Read each statement carefully. Then add five statements of your own. On a scale of 1 to 15, with 1 being the most important, rank the statements by writing the numbers in the left-hand column.

Marriage serves the Church as a model of Christian love through spouses' . . .

	giving a positive example of a willingness to work through the rough moments honestly and openly.
	showing trust in God and in each other when new situations and challenges arise.
	showing appreciation for each other's diverse gifts and interests.
	making Christ the focus of the relationship by participating in the Eucharist.
	treating each other as equal adults and trusting in each other's goodness.
	modeling an unselfish openness to new life.
	generously sharing the goods of the earth, not using marriage for the "accumulation of wealth."
	listening to each other's stories just as Christians listen to the Word of God in Scripture, trusting that God reveals Himself through us.
	making time for working together as a couple in volunteer efforts for charity and justice.
	never allowing one to dominate over the other, but rather working together in full harmony and cooperation.

Why did you choose your first two choices as the most important?

