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A Really Big Deal

Recently, my (Dave L.) pastor recognized a couple in our church who celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. Pastor made kind of a big deal out of it. And well he should have. This sweet couple have walked faithfully together through the ups and downs of life and ministry. Their married lives stand as a shining testimony to the blessings of being faithful to God and faithful to each other. (Cf. Matthew 19:4-6.)

It's important that we honor folks for this kind of faithfulness. There is a lot of truth to the observation that "you get what you honor." The young people and newlyweds in our churches need to know that it truly is possible to sustain a happy marriage relationship for decades—literally, "til death do us part."

There is generational blessing as well. Children and grandchildren who are blessed to witness the longevity of intact marriages grow up knowing that not only is marriage for a lifetime possible, but it is normal. When they see the blessings of a lifetime of obedience, they are encouraged to aspire and commit to the same thing for themselves.

National Marriage Week USA is recognized February 7-14. Of course, anytime is a good time to celebrate God's good plan for marriage. Whether or not you do something to recognize and celebrate marriage next month (February) or some other time during the year, we hope you will do something to promote the goodness of God's plan.

To recognize, honor, and promote God's good plan for marriage, Wisconsin Family Council has created our Marriage Hall of Fame. Couples who have been married for at least 60 years are eligible to be nominated. Nominations for the Marriage Hall of Fame are being accepted through February 19. (Click [HERE](#) for details and to make a nomination.) These couples deserve to be recognized and their stories need to be told.

In Christ,



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P.S: The deadline for nominations for the Marriage Hall of Fame will be here before you know it. Be sure to complete any nominations by February 19. Click [HERE](#) to make a nomination.

P.P.S: Please pray this week for State Senator Mark Spreitzer (Beloit) and State Representative Jessie Rodriguez (Oak Creek), I Timothy 2:1.

