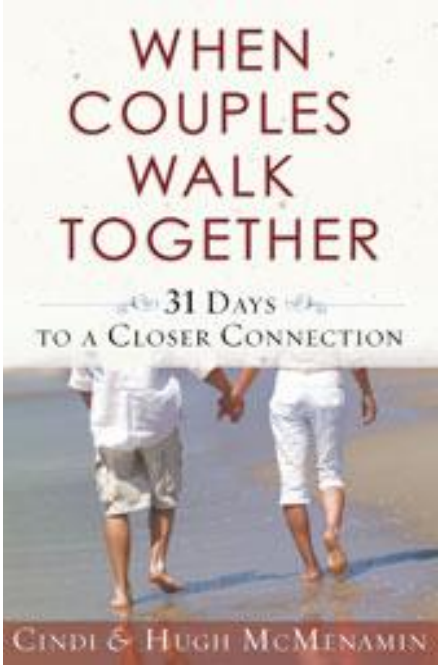
Seven Ways to Splurge on Your Spouse Even When Money is Tight



1. Save it Upï Try saving your spare change in a jar all through the year. Then on Valentineôs Day, your anniversary, or some random ñSplurge Dayò empty the entire contents and spend it on some special time together.

2. Dole it Out ï I once heard a child say ñMy Daddy really *spoils* my Mom. Heôd do anything for her!ò Would your child ever be caught saying that about you toward your husband? ñMom really loved Dad. Sheôd do *anything* for him!ò Splurge on him with love, attention, and praise.

3. Write it Out -- Remember what it was like to receive a love letter? Thereôs nothing quite like it. Yes, firing off a text from your phone is easier, but a handwritten letter is much more personal. Thereôs something about seeing your spouseôs own handwriting and being able to keep that slip of paper. Write out what is on your heart. If you havenôt said it in awhile, it should be said about now, donôt you think?

4. Plan it Out – Sometimes the best gift we can give our husband is our time. Are you a couple that is often over-scheduled? Do the kids take every moment you have together? Take some intentional time off just to be with each other. Or better yet, plan a date and take your spouse as a surprise. It could be as simple as lunch out and a walk in the park to reconnect.

5. Whip it Up – Itôs been said that the quickest way to a manôs heart is through his stomach. Plan an evening to whip up your husbandôs favorite dish or dessert. Itôs a wonderful way to say: ñYou were worth the time this took to prepare.ò

6. Give it Up –How long has it been since your husband had a day off to himself? (Probably more recently than *you* have, you may be thinking!) But try giving up something you need him to do to offer him some extra time to relax or work on a project heôs really wanted to complete. Take the kids for an evening or take back the ñto doò list on a Saturday and say ñthis oneôs yoursé do whatever you want to do and enjoy it as a gift from me.ò (Maybe heôll even return the favor for *you* some time!)

7. Pour it On -- Thereôs nothing like extending grace when your husband deserved a lecture instead. To splurge on each other is sometimes to show Godôs incredible love toward your spouse, as God has shown it to you. You can lavish on him love, patience, kindness, gentleness, trust, forgiveness, and understanding. First Corinthians 13:8 tells us ñlove never fails.ò

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