

A Quick Checklist

- What do we both think is important to talk about? What is urgent, and what is important but can wait?
 - Schedule and upcoming events
 - Practical needs for home
 - Any other smaller items that do not need extensive discussion
 - Finances
 - Children
 - Our personal lives
 - Prayer together, at least briefly, to ask the Lord's blessing
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An Expanded Checklist

Weekly

- Events for the coming week
 - husband's and wife's personal activities
 - communications time
 - time together
 - children's schedule
 - family activities
 - other events (guests, special occurrences)
 - resolve time and transportation conflicts
- Practical needs for home
 - chores for family members
 - work projects (squeaky doors, broken locks, weeding, etc.)
 - things to buy
- Finances
 - emergency and unexpected needs
- Our personal lives
 - keeping in touch: work, home, neighborhood
 - problematic things that happened this week or issues that arose in our relationship or family life which need resolution

Every Two Weeks

- Finances
 - end of the month or beginning of the month review
 - mid-month check: are we living within our means? what needs to we have for the rest of the month.
- Prayer time
 - what each of us is doing in prayer time; what we have learned

Monthly

- Children
 - how each child is doing
 - relationships among brothers and sisters
 - how discipline is working
 - school: academics and politics
 - what training we are doing
 - when we will spend time with them

Regularly

- Planning
 - Holidays and vacations
 - Review and adjustment of family schedule
- Financial planning
 - Dealing with financial needs, debts
 - Saving for college, retirement, special needs