

## **Ted & Amy's "Fun Loving You" Lists**

Based on Ted Cunningham's book *Fun Loving You*

### **What Ted Cunningham loves about his wife, Amy:**

1. I love your "all or nothing" passion. You do nothing halfway. When you start a project, you finish it with gusto. You inspire me to work hard and get it done.
2. I love your disdain for directions. You love letting me lead. You couldn't care less how we are getting there. While driving or at airports, you pay no attention to signs because you completely trust me to get you there.
3. I love your eye for design. You make our home and our church beautiful places to live, serve, and worship. I never get the vision at first, but once the space is complete, all I can say is "Wow!"
4. I love your selfless serving. From sunrise to sunset you never stop serving your family. Your family and friends are always comfortable when you serve them.
5. I love your attention to detail. You leave no stone unturned when it comes to doing things right. From planning our vacations to making dinner reservations, you know at what time of day we will be hungry three months from now.
6. I love your lists that keep our family organized. They are more like gentle reminders than honey-do-lists.
7. I love your adventurous culinary spirit. My favorite meal once was meat loaf, mashed potatoes, and corn. Not anymore. You have elevated my palate. Bring on the heat, spices, texture, and plating.
8. I love your confidence. You are secure in who you are as a wife and mom. This one of your most attractive qualities.
9. I love the fact that you do not have a people-pleasing gene. You do not strive to meet the nonstop and at times excessive expectations that people place on you. I actually envy this about you.
10. I love that you prioritize our marriage. You have eradicated the kid-centered home and place our marriage first. Date nights are important to you. You help me model a great marriage for our kids.
11. I love how you love Carson. Even though you need to stop calling him pooh bear, you let him be all boy. When he comes into our room in the middle of the night, you are never frustrated to meet his requests.
12. I love how you love Corynn. You let our daughter be her own person in personality and all of her pursuits. As she begins individualizing as a young adult, you allow her to develop her own tastes of clothes. I know how hard that is for you, but you are so gracious with her.
13. I love how you take care of yourself. You are smokin' hot!
14. I love your "roll out the red carpet" hospitality. No one throws a dinner party like Amy Cunningham! You spend weeks planning and executing the perfect party.
15. I love your confidence in my expertise on everything. You ask me questions believing I know the answers to everything from astrophysics to nuclear proliferation. It amazes me how much you think pastors know.
16. I love how you picture a very special future for our family. You have big dreams and plans for our family. Never stop dreaming, my love!
17. I love your commitment to Christ. You are sensitive of the Lord's leadership in your life. When I see you reading your Bible in the morning while sipping your coffee, that is when you look your sexiest. Thank you for placing your relationship with Christ before me. This is the true secret to a fun, loving marriage. I am not your source of life.
18. I love how you share everything. You are constantly thinking about who can use this more than us.
19. I love it when you say, "I don't want anything to eat; I'll just take bite of yours." I am more than willing to buy you your own entrée or dessert, but I love that you want me to order.

20. I love how you let me find my own parking space. There is not a lot of adventure left for men in the world anymore, so you let me have this final frontier.
21. I love your multitasking. You can watch a movie, read a magazine, and surf Pinterest all at the same time. Amazing. What a gift!
22. I love your spontaneity. With two to three days' notice, you cut loose and go with the flow. My favorite line is when you tell me, "just call me Flo."
23. I love your equilibrium. You know when the hose feels 70.5 degrees. When you ask me, "Did you change the thermostat?" my answer is always the same: "I haven't touched the thermostat for the past fifteen years." I love it when you kick off the bottom cover of the sheets to expose you left foot. Then I know you are the perfect temperature.
24. I love how you protect me from hot things. You are constantly jumping in between me and a hot curling iron.

### **What Amy Cunningham loves about her husband, Ted:**

1. I love your implied questions that you deliver with strength. My favorite question is "I really look good in this outfit, huh?"
2. I love your travel agent abilities. You get so excited about planning trips for our family. The fact that you know how many miles, points, down-to-the-minute times of arrivals and departures, layover times, which restaurants we have to choose from at the various concourses, etc. The fact that you keep this all in your head is amazing.
3. I love that you are always concerned about my comfort when it comes to temperature. You are constantly offering me your coat and even your socks when necessary. How many movie theaters have we been to where I am comfortable and you are freezing?
4. I love how the child in you comes out when you get to build a fire. You get such a feeling of accomplishment and it is displayed in your body language and on your face once the fire has taken off.
5. I love your competitive nature that peaks when we play board games. You obsessively count your money in Monopoly as if it was the real deal.
6. I love your fiscal responsibility. The fact that you always know how much money I spent at Target before I ever get home. And when you greet me at the door to help me with my bags and quote how much I spent, you do it with a smile on your face that genuinely says, "I hope you had a good time."
7. I love your skillful exaggeration. I know the marriage experts say humor does not work in diffusing escalated conflict, but somehow you make it work.
8. I love how easy you are to please. Whether we have cereal for dinner or filet mignon, you say "That was a terrific dinner!"
9. I love how you make me feel like the most important person in the room. You include me and our marriage in every conversation.
10. I love how you lead our family spiritually. You seize those teachable moments and are very intentional about leading us through God's Word.
11. I love how you see potential in me that I do not see in myself. You have a way of encouraging me to stretch myself. You give me the blessing every day.
12. I love the way you dream. Without you, I would not take the time to dream. Whether it be a trip we may take someday or a project we would like to complete, I always have something to look forward to in the future.
13. I love how you do the dishes and make the bed every single day! It is automatic for you.
14. I love how you lead us in prayer as a family. Our kids are catching the vision of the ministry that the Lord gave us.
15. I love how you always drive even when you are really tired. You know how much I hate driving and navigating. I am there for conversation when you need me.

16. I love your dependability. You do what you say you are going to do.
17. I love how you practice preaching all day long. People think you are talking to yourself, but you are okay with that.
18. I love your helpfulness. You are willing and available to help me with anything and everything, even this list of compliments.
19. I love that you are a gentlemen. You always rush ahead to open doors for me and others.
20. I love being your queen. You have declared me the queen to our children.
21. I love your generosity when it comes to my expensive tastes and hobbies. Whether it be cooking or designing, you love equipping me with the tools I “need” to do the job.
22. I love how you tolerate our dog, Sparkle. I know you are not a dog person. But you now enjoy her because I am a dog person. It is a major inconvenience to travel with her in the car, but you let her ride on your lap because of me.
23. I love that you are my number one taste tester. You love my cooking. Even when I ask for feedback on an unsuccessful dish, you find a way to point out the good stuff. Here, too, is where your skillful exaggeration comes in.
24. I love celebrating holidays with you. It takes days to set up our house, but when it is finished, you love turning on the lights each morning and relaxing in our home.

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