

LEMONADE: AN ANNIVERSARY LETTER TO MY WIFE

Dear Jenelle,

I just wanted to write an open letter to you on this day, our anniversary, to tell you how much you mean to me and to thank you and thank God for entering my life. Three years ago today, I was preparing to marry not just a beautiful, intelligent, outgoing, and amazing woman. I was preparing to marry my best friend. I had the butterflies so bad that I played basketball that morning. I remember you being upset wondering how I could play basketball when you, yourself, was stressed to the max. But baby, that was the only way I could get myself to relax. Sitting in my Berry Hill Mansion room was making it worse as far as the jitters go. Hours later we became Mr. and Mrs. Terry. Dancing back up the aisle to Debarge as husband and wife.

These three years have not been easy. Marriage, as you mentioned, takes a lot of hard work and is not all blue stars and pixie dust. I have made plenty of mistakes during our marriage. I have caused both heartache and pain and I am now man enough to admit that I have not been as great a husband as I believe I should've been. I was selfish at times as well. The last word that should be associated with marriage is selfishness. There were times where my ego guided my decisions and actions when I should've talked to my best friend. There were times when I tried placing Band-Aids over emotional scars instead of taking the time to wash the scars and peroxide the scars and mend them right. Yet through all my imperfections, you see a perfect soulmate for you.....in me. I never told you this, but there have been days and nights where I have talked to God and cried....thanking Him for you because without you, I am not me. You have helped make me a better man even when I was not trying to be. You helped me see that it's OK to be myself and love myself and I owe my life to you for that. I have made mistakes that could've easily make you give up, but you didn't. God intervened and made me a better man so that I can be a better husband. I vow to continue to be everything you want and expected when we exchanged our vows three years ago. I am being transparent because I want everyone to know that I have made mistakes. I have been stubborn. I am human. At the same time, I want you to know that I will love you from now until God takes me away from here and even then I will be loving you from Heaven. I love you, Jenelle and that is "crispy". Happy Anniversary, Pudding.

