

Will Smith Says Family Is All About Love and Communication

Will Smith said that thanks to his relationship with his family, he feels “so good it’s a damn shame,” according to [YourTango](#). Smith’s entire family—wife Jada Pinkett Smith, son Jaden Smith, and daughter Willow Smith—are in show business, and Smith helps them by producing their projects. He always dreamed of building a family where everyone would talk and work together, and now the Smith household is all about communication and learning lessons as a family. Though Smith noted that they don’t always get everything right and they still have a lot of learning to do, he said, “It’s wonderful to be with the people you love.”

How do you ensure that your family remains bonded?

Cupid’s Advice:

You can choose your friends and you can choose your [partner](#), but you can’t choose your family. Your relatives can often be the most important people in your life, but getting along with them is sometimes difficult. However, there’s a lot of ways you can keep your family ties strong. Cupid has some tips:

1. Take time to talk: Like Smith says, communication is key to building a strong and happy family. Though modern families often live largely separate lives, try to take time to share things like the events of your day, your problems, and your thoughts on issues that matter to you. You’ll find that knowing a little more about what’s going on in your family members’ lives will bring you all closer.

2. Do things together: Chances are that everyone in your family has their own busy schedules. It’s also likely that

they all have different interests. Though the Smiths are always busy with their careers, Will Smith still enjoys getting the whole family together for breakfast. Spending even a small amount of time doing things like sharing meals, playing games, and going on daytrips together are all great ways to strengthen your family's bonds by giving you something to connect over.

3. Let your family have some space: Too much togetherness can lead to an excessive amount of control. Remember that everyone in your family is a unique person who deserves chances to make their own decisions. Smith lets his children express themselves: though he didn't think Willow should have cut her hair short, he respected her rights to her own body. Ensuring everyone gets to do what they want, at least once in a while, will keep resentment from breaking apart your family bonds.

How do you keep your family together? Tell us below.