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Happy New Year!
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Ten resolutions to consider for the New Year:

1. No matter what your husband/wife does, don't discuss it with the children.
2. On holidays and other significant events, like graduations, consider including your ex-spouse/soon to be ex-spouse if at all possible for the sake of the children.
3. If you do include your ex-spouse or soon to be ex-spouse, try to be pleasant.
4. If you're angry or have an issue with your ex-spouse or soon to be ex-spouse, refrain from putting it in writing in a text and/or email.
5. NEVER EVER write about your ex-spouse or soon to be ex-spouse or his or her family on Facebook!
6. Don't use the children as a messenger, or to deliver child support payments.
7. Be discreet if and when you start dating. Don't rush to introduce the children to your "significant other." Your parenting time should be quality time between you and your children.
8. Requests for reimbursements of uninsured medical and dental expenses should be made promptly, according to the terms of your order or judgment. It isn't fair or reasonable to send six months or a years worth at one time.
9. Read your court orders or divorce agreement carefully. It's your bible and you need follow the order/judgment!
10. Remember, side agreements are not enforceable. So follow Resolution Number 9 carefully.

Maybe if you follow these resolutions 2014 will be better than 2013!

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