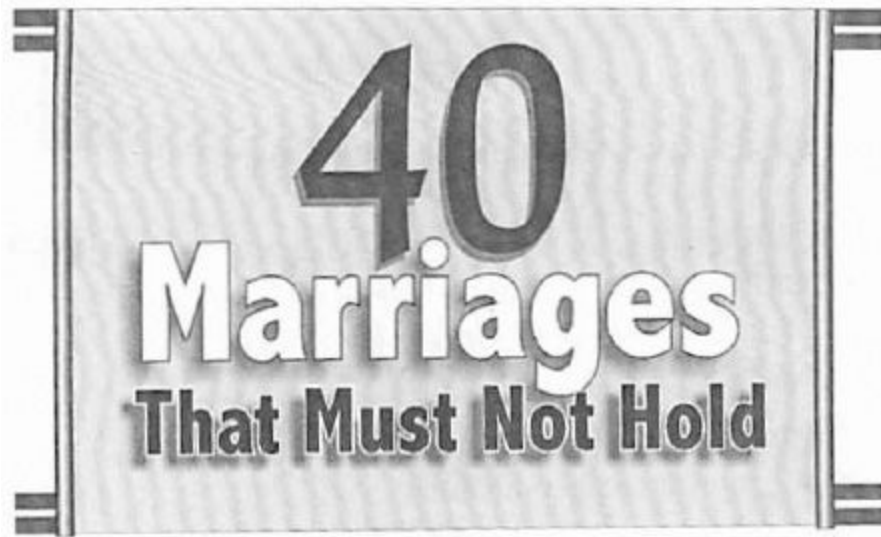




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# PREFACE

Beloved, we need books that will take us back to the Bible. A lot of things are wrong in almost all facets of our lives. Many questions have remained unanswered, till date, about why this generation has retained a perpetual mayhem in all strata. We are now forced to ask whether the promises of the Bible will ever bring calmness to man's world. For those that care to take a second look, clear revelations have shown that, every activity of man emanates from a single bedrock called marriage, which is the genesis of home building.

Of a truth, once the set-up of a marriage is wrong, everything about it will be wrong, including the affairs of the unborn generations attached to that marriage. Home building determines the peace of the nation and by extension, that of the whole world. If you need an answer as to why the United Nations has not been able to successfully bring unity to the nations of the world, just take a look at our homes. The percentage of the unsettled homes is now so high that it overrides any treaty needed to bring peace to the nations, hence the unending chaos is inevitable.

Many marriages are wrong, thereby resulting in wrong individuals at the helm of affairs, government, leadership, ministry and other human organisations across the world. Unfortunately, the arena of marriage has been converted to a theatre of war. Homes are being demonically attacked on regular basis. Marriages are breaking up at an alarming rate. Families are fast disintegrating, while vicious anti-marriage demons are on rampage. The enemy has done much havoc in the area of marriage. Many have been battered and beaten black and blue in the field of marital relationships. The truth is that, we need an urgent and divine rescue.

However, there is hope because we have Jesus. Take time. to look at the foundation of many of the problems of our time caused by wrongly contracted marriages and make a personal determination to escape this menace.

As you are determined not to repeat the mistakes that have led to monumental damage in the life of others, the God of heaven shall grant you success, in Jesus' name. Amen!!!

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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

The greatest problem in the world today stems from marriages that shouldn't have been contracted in the first place. People are mismatched and get into wrong relationships that leave a sour taste on the taste buds of men and women who have got married. When a particular marriage is not supposed to hold and the partners are trying to patch things up, no amount of marital plastic surgery will end up mending things.

A bad marriage is a bad marriage, no matter what is done to give it a good colouring. If there is one area where people must look before they leap, it is in the arena of marriage. Beloved, you can jump into marriage but you cannot jump out of it. You can dose your eyes and get married but immediately the marriage is contracted, your eyes will be wide open and you will face the consequences. Once you board the vehicle of a bad marriage, it will wobble and take you to destinations you do not like. Your input to your marriage determines your final output. What you sow is what you get. Once you lay a bad foundation for your marriage, the building may collapse sooner or later. Hence, the Bible says; "If the foundation be destroyed what can the righteous do?"

**Psalm 11:3 says:**

***If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?***

This is an era where we must take off the mask and call a spade a spade. The truth must be told. Error must be avoided. Hypocrisy must be pushed away.

**Isaiah 8:20 says:**

***To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.***



We must go back to the written word. We must return to Bethel where everything is done according to what the Bible has declared. The Bible is a goldmine of rich resources which can be put to use to achieve the ideal marriage. The Bible is an open book. It contains truths that are not hidden. It is a complete book that teaches the A-Z of a glorious marriage. It is an instructive book that contains powerful instructions to lead you aright. It is a compass that is needed for the journey of life. As long as you keep it open and read it daily, you will never go astray.

The Bible is the greatest manual you need for your marriage. There is no area of marriage that it does not cover. It is the light that dispels the darkness hiding in the nooks and crannies of your marriage. The word of God is the timeless blueprint for a successful marriage. There is a note of finality in it. You cannot edit its principles concerning marriage. You cannot revise its teachings on marriage. They are forever settled.

**Psalm 119:89**

***LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.***

Worldly values may change, but no one will ever be able to improve upon what has been declared in the word of God. Interestingly, the principles expounded by the Scriptures, right from Bible days, have remained unchangeable. What the Bible teaches concerning marriage has refused to bow on the altar of modernity. Modernistic views will never replace the pristine truths of the Scriptures.

**Matthew 19:3-9 says:**

***The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He***

***saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.***

Even in Jesus' days, reference was categorically made to what had been established in the book of Genesis. The Pharisees, the Sadducees and other religious leaders in the Bible days made some attempts to revise or modify the principles of marriage but Jesus bluntly referred them to the beginning.

The old wine will always taste better. I have a word here for those who are travelling along the dark labyrinths of marriage.

**Matthew 19:4 says:**

***And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,***

The question is: "Have you not read?" When I come across people whose lives are upside down because of their marriage, the simple question I ask them is: "have you not read?" Beloved, have you taken the time to uncover the truths that would lead you to an excellent marriage? When last did you study the Bible about the issue of marriage? We live in a highly secularized world. People are schooled on material issues without knowing anything about spiritual matters. Unfortunately, we read many things in books on secular things that are of no value. Many people spend hours watching football and browsing the internet when a fraction of the time spent in such areas could have yielded ample benefits if devoted to reading God's word concerning marriage and the family.

**Matthew 13:44-46 says:**

***Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who,***

***when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.***

We often forget that there are treasures in God's word. These are treasures that will enrich marriages that are impoverished, that will enlighten families that are wallowing in ignorance, that will encourage discouraged couples and family members, that will instruct those who need divine instructions, that will help you discover and enjoy God's best. All these treasures can be found in the word of God.

**Psalm 19:7-11 says:**

***The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.***

Interestingly, there are areas in the Scriptures that have been tailored to add value to your marriage. Is your marital journey lacking joy? Then read the Psalms and be launched into the realm of faith. Is it lacking wisdom? Read the book of Proverbs and discover wisdom that will make your marriage work. Is your relationship at the verge of collapse as a result of lack of good Christian character and marital values? Read the Epistles, the Gospels and other parts of the New Testament to learn the principles of Godly living. Are there battles at the gate of your relationship? Read the warfare Scriptures in the book of Psalms and your hands will be taught to fight and your fingers to war. Are there peculiar situations in your marital quest that require divine wisdom? Read family stories in the book of Genesis, 1, II Kings and Esther.

Are you bombarded by negative secular thoughts? Come out of the heavy satanic burden and allow the word of God to transform your life. Rather

than allow the people of the world to push you to the brink of a precipice, allow the word of God to strengthen your inner-man.

There is a clarion call from heaven and the glorious voice sounds like the voice of old: "Christian homes seek not yet repose. Christian families watch and pray!"

## CHAPTER 2

### KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

When there is knowledge, you will be free from the shackles of marital bondage. The knowledge being referred to here can be got when you gain spiritual knowledge concerning marriage by reading the Scriptures.

**John 8:32 says:**

***And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.***

Certain blessings are yours when you know the truth. The devil cannot keep you under bondage as long as you are exposed to the truth that liberates. The truth will set you free from marital errors. It will also set you free from marital bondage. Beloved, the truth is powerful enough to swallow the darkness that beclouds your marital journey. This book will set you on the right track. It is laden with prophetic flavour to fast track your journey and to bombard you with uncommon progress in the area of marriage. The divine action upon it will bestow upon you the anointing of peace. You will discover and receive grace to function in your marriage. The power of the Most High shall overshadow you and you shall walk in marital dominion. Your marriage shall not lack the oil of favour. The truth that makes marriage a glorious reality shall fall upon you. You will also discover the essence of marital grace.

**1 Peter 3:7 says:**

***Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.***

When God established marriage, He programmed an enabling grace with it. Beloved, marriage is not a burden; neither is it a yoke. It is a blessing from heaven. Through marriage, you are positioned to receive uncommon

grace from God. Your divine marriage will place you in good stead to enjoy a beautiful life. From the above Scripture above, you discover that God has established a glorious inheritance for you. This inheritance or heritage is kept in the closet called marriage. It is called "the grace of this life". There are certain features in what God has offered.

. It is glorious.

. It is superlative.

. It is heavenly.

Simply put, it is out of this world. It gives you a taste of heaven here on earth.

But this grace or divine inheritance must be prayed into manifestation. One thing you must do is to spend quality time praying your way into the total benefits of the mystery of marriage, otherwise called "the grace of this life". Among other things, the passage above reveals the following benefits.

. It drives away loneliness. In the beginning of creation, God gave some important reasons for marriage. One of them is that it is not good for man to be alone

**Genesis.2:18-20 says:**

***And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.***

One of the intentions of the Almighty is to take people away from the realm of loneliness and set the unity in families.

**Psalm 68:6 says:**

***God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.***

There are a lot of people who are grappling with loneliness. Many get into terrible moods simply because they are alone. Pets or recreational activities cannot drive away loneliness. As human beings, we need the company of other people. Marriage, therefore, provides an avenue for putting an end to the problem of loneliness. When you enjoy the grace of marriage, you are able to experience the warmth of good companionship and you will conquer the battle against loneliness.

**Eccl 4:8-11 says:**

***There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet is there no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither saith he, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yea, it is a sore travail. Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?***

Many people are busy complaining of loneliness. They will no longer have that problem if only they can make use of the option of marriage.

. It gives you an uncommon power. Marriage is the grace of this life which gives an uncommon power. The Bible says "*One shall chase a thousand and two shall chase ten thousand.*" Herein lies the secret of uncommon victory. When you are fighting the battles of life alone, you can only defeat a thousand. Immediately you get married, two of you will be able to combine your efforts and energy and defeat ten thousand. This is the mystery of sweatless victory.

**Deuteronomy 32:30 says:**

***How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?***

. It grants you access into divine mysteries. There are certain mysteries that can only be enjoyed when the grace of this life is in place. Certain things will be achieved as you receive special grace through marriage.

**Ephesians 5:31-32 says:**

*For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*

. God is inspired to make your marriage a divine bus stop where blessings are deposited. The grace of this life inherent in marriage makes you a recipient of glorious blessings.

**2 Peter 1:4 says:**

*Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

**2 Corinthian 1:20 says:**

*For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.*

**2 Corinthian 7:1 says:**

*Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

. You become a treasure or a diadem. When an anointed child of God gets married to a favoured child of God, the union becomes a huge treasure in the hands of the Almighty.

**Isaiah 62:3 says:**

*Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.*



**Isaiah 28:5 says:**

***In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people,***

- . Your home becomes a divine bank. Both partners are trustees of divine wealth. In other words, you become divine treasurers. In this end time, when God is set to effect amazing transfers of wealth, God's children must showcase the gift of marital grace. You do that when your family becomes an embodiment of divine wealth. You become a force that the enemy cannot deal with. Additionally, you become a force that the world and local community must respect.
- . God makes your home a power base that will be relevant for the end time battle.

**Jeremiah 51 :20 says:**

***Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms;***

- . The family becomes the best avenue for showcasing the signs and wonders of God.
  - . Your home becomes a place where Christian virtues flourish.
0. Your home becomes a centre for training future champions. God is set to build tomorrow's church. This would be achieved when God's children are trained in glorious homes. When such homes enjoy the full manifestation of "the grace of this life" the world will witness wonderful changes. The community will be affected positively and there would be huge positive impact in the larger society.

So far, much emphasis has been placed on the impact of the word of God upon Christian homes. We have also discovered the far-reaching effect of the application of Christian principles to the institution of marriage. The entire benefits of marriage would be reaped by men and women who pay attention to God's word and live in obedience. To benefit maximally from

what God has graciously provided, you must take practical steps as you continue to read this book.

## CHAPTER 3

### THE DIVINE GIFT

One of the problems of people in this generation is that we have not learnt what it takes to fully receive what God has given to us.

**1 Corinthians 2:12** says:

*Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

Beloved, do not put any limit on God. Our heavenly Father is a God of fullness and completeness. He is willing to lavish upon us the fullness of his grace. One area where His grace has fully manifested is the area of marriage. By establishing the institution of marriage, He has offered us the following;

- . Help. Every home needs help at one level or the other. This help has been graciously offered by God. Once you approach the throne of grace for help at the time of need, you will surely receive and obtain what you need.

**Hebrews 4:16** says:

*Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

- . Instructions. When God gives us instruction in the area of marriage, His goal is to enable us to get the best. He offers us the best, while the enemy offers the worst. When we receive divine instructions, we will experience divine results.

**Proverbs 4:10-13** says:

***Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy steps shall be many. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.***

**Proverbs 6:23 says:**

***For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:***

**Proverbs 9:9 says:**

***Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.***

. God offers us prophetic insights that will make our marriages a sort of heaven on earth. Unfortunately, many homes are deprived of prophetic insights. Your home must have a prophet. Happy shall you be if you are the prophet of your home.

**Deuteronomy 11:21 says:**

***That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.***

**Concerning Israel Hosea 12:13 says:**

***And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.***

When you have a prophetic guide in your marriage, you will be spared heartaches, trauma and marital accidents. The battles of life in the area of marriage have become so intense that the only means of survival is to have the privilege of enjoying prophetic insights into the goings on in the area of marriage. It is my prayer for you, that God will give you uncommon prophetic insights that will make your marriage glorious. With the advantage of gaining prophetic insights, you will successfully go through

your marital journey and attain uncommon heights that will bring joy into your heart and peace into your home.

- . Victory in marital battles. God offers victory in marital battles when it matters most. Every marriage has its own battles. There are moments of stress and problems that are caused by the kingdom of darkness. The home faces various attacks. You need divine intervention. When the battle gets hot, God steps in and offers a resounding victory. You must take cognisance of this fact and continue to fight, knowing that you will experience victory at last. The fact that there are battles must not discourage you, rather it should motivate you to fight aggressively, knowing that victory will be won at the end of the day.
- . Divine connection to your marriage partner. God offers divine connection when it is urgently needed. This connection will serve as a strong link between you and your God appointed partner. God is a wonderful Shepherd who guides the sheep to the place of rest and joy.

**Psalms 23:1-6 says:**

***The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.***

You cannot afford to go through life without divine direction. When you are divinely directed you will be connected to your God-given spouse, regardless of where he or she is.

- . Powerful rescue in the midst of battle. Battles differ in magnitude and length of time. There are times, when battles get so hot that the one who fights, longs for urgent divine rescue. Rather than become casualties in the field of battle, God will rescue His beloved sons and daughters. With the

added advantage of being rescued in the midst of tough battles, everyone who has God as the Commander in chief, who leads against the foe, will surely sing the song of victory in the end.

. Completeness. God offers us completeness through the grace of marriage. When you are alone, you might battle with loneliness and lack of fulfillment, but when God guides you and settles you in your own family, you will experience completeness. When the Bible says; "*Ye are complete in him*" it simply means that part of the programme of God is to sweep away whatever looks like fractions of the whole in your life.

**Colossians 2:10 says:**

***And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:***

It is my prayer that God will settle you in your marriage and give you a glorious feel of marital wholeness.

## CHAPTER 4

### THE MASTER BUILDER

Beloved, as far as marriage or the home is concerned, God is the Master Builder. He has the blueprint as well as the entire resources needed for building your home. When He builds, it is with a touch of perfection. He does everything with mathematical precision. He builds homes in a systematic manner. He is orderly, unlike human beings who build haphazardly. He does everything with a touch of uncommon perfection.

When you take a closer view at the workings of the Almighty in the area of marriage, He follows a pattern that is second to none. He starts with the blueprint of the entire building. He is the 'Ancient of days' who knows at the beginning what will be the end of a thing.

**Isaiah 46:10 says:**

***Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.***

He goes into His divine workshop and works meticulously on the blueprint, faultless. When He comes out of His drawing board, He gives you a blueprint to follow. After giving you the blueprint, He stands by you and gives you necessary assistance as you erect the foundation for your family. Often-times, when foundations are being laid, people may wonder what you are up to. The foundation may not reveal the fact that you are achieving much at that instance. It could require prayer, fasting, spiritual consultation, receiving prophetic guidance and moments of clearing doubts and fighting discouragement. If you can go through the foundational stage successfully, you are sure of erecting a solid building.

God will not only stand by you as you lay the foundation, He goes further by giving you the necessary assistance as you commence the building. The commencement of the building can be challenging; being an initial step in the process of the real building. The devil can come up with attacks that may prevent you from a successful head start. The Bible calls Jesus the Alpha and the Omega. Being the Beginning and the End, He will reveal Himself as the Author and Finisher of your faith. He will stand by you as you take the initial difficult steps.

As you go on in the process of building the home, a few things may go wrong. Some mistakes might be made. Certain errors may be committed. People may come to discourage you. But you must never lose sight of the fact that unpleasant experiences cannot and must not stop you from building the home. When things go wrong, it does not mean that all hope is lost. A bad situation is just a challenge, it is never the end of the entire project.

The good news is that, when things go wrong, the Holy Spirit will stand by you to comfort you and to nudge you to go ahead. There are times, when resources may begin to wane. There are moments when your strength might begin to deplete. There may be occasions when what is needed to complete the building appear unavailable. This can be compared to what happened in the first marriage conducted in the Scriptures.

**John 2:1-11 says:**

*And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six water pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the water pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and be a run to the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not*



*whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.*

In this passage, things went on smoothly until the wine finished. Wine symbolises what is needed to keep the occasion going. There are times when both partners may lack the will to move ahead. There are moments when those who are contemplating marriage may conclude that the best thing is to withdraw. There are times when two people who have decided to get married may tell their pastors, friends and family members that the courtship has been cancelled. It is simply because the wine has finished.

But the good news is that, such occasions should not necessarily be the last chapter of the marital journey. If the wine finishes, simply go back to the Lord and whatever He says unto you, do it. When God gives you instructions, water can be turned into wine. Hatred can be turned to love, hopelessness can be turned to hope, lack can be turned to plenty, discouragement can be turned to courage, being totally fed up can be converted to a revival of compassion and love for your partner.

As long as God is the builder of your home, whatever appears to be going wrong can be fixed. You must not lose sight of the fact that God is the Author and the Finisher of the entire process. Where there are imperfections, He perfects them. Where there are problems, He introduces solutions. Where there is total anarchy, He introduces harmony. One thing you should never forget is that, when God begins a thing, He completes it.

**Phil 1:6 says:**

*Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

**1 Thess. 5:24 says:**

***Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.***

God is able to complete what He has started in you and with you. Has God spoken to you concerning your marriage? Has He given you glorious visions about your marriage? Then there shall be a fulfillment of what He has declared to you.

**Luke 1:45 says:**

***And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.***

All you need to do is to abide in Him and keep on allowing Him to do a perfect work on your marriage. You need this mindset and this foundation as you undertake the divine journey into your marriage. Although there are problems in the area of marriage, there is good news for every reader of this book. The beauty of divine operation is that, against every dark cloud, there is a silver lining. Even when you are in the throes of palpable darkness, there are divine rays of hope. Whatever the enemy has done, God is able to do abundantly above your expectations.

**Eph. 3:20 says:**

***Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,***

Since marriage is God's idea, He will never allow you to go through it alone. He will stop at nothing to ensure that His counsel concerning your marriage stands. The Ancient of Days will never abandon the driver's seat. He will ensure that the train of your marriage will glide through safe tracks until you arrive at your divine destination.

## CHAPTER 5

### THE DIVINE PROJECT

Right from the book of Genesis, the Bible tells us that God is fully in charge of the project called marriage.

**Genesis 2: 18 says:**

*And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

Even before the church was established, marriage had been established. God is the first matchmaker. He brought the first man and woman together in a divine wedlock. He came up with a purpose and a plan to enable sons and daughters of men to come together in successful marriages. One thing we must not lose sight of is that, marriage is not a product of human calculation. It is an institution of the Lord. Its true definition can be found in the Scriptures. If we allow worldly definitions, we would be confused by such terms as polygamy, polyandry, gay marriage, divorce, etc.

After the establishment of marriage in the Old Testament, Jesus reiterated that it is contracted when a man leaves his father and his mother and is joined to his wife in a mysterious union. They are no more two but one.

**Matthew 19:4-6 says:**

*And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*

Marriage is the state of being husband and wife. It is for matured men and women. It is not for boys or girls who are still tied to the apron strings of their mothers. It is a state of being united to a person of the opposite sex as husband or wife. One of the greatest tragedies of the modern generation is that men are getting married to men and ladies are getting married to ladies. This is as a result of madness and spiritual insanity. The ordination of the Scriptures is that marriages must be between husband and wife.

In simple terms, marriage is the joining together of a man and woman in holy wedlock. It is an intimate union. God established it to tackle the problem of loneliness. It has been divinely established for the purpose of procreation. It is a union respected by God and approved in heaven. When the will of God is achieved in marriage, He Himself will be the architect and the sole supervisor of the union. A Godly marriage will end up achieving divine purposes. No matter the battles or the upheavals, God will provide for the unions, the spiritual and physical needs.

## **HARD FACTS ON MARRIAGE**

There are certain facts that you must consider. These hard facts will remain valid no matter what is going on in the society. They are timeless hard facts about marriage.

. The next worst thing outside hell fire is a bad marriage: There is no denying the fact that hell fire is the worst thing. Next to it is a bad marriage. Many homes have been turned to hell on earth. In fact, some homes are hotter than hell. Many marriages can be compared to water that has reached its boiling point. Some couples live like cats and rats. There are people who have found themselves in what can be referred to as an extension of hell fire. Hearts are boiling, relationships are inflamed and couples are smarting from the fire of a bad marriage.

A bad marriage can truly be compared to hell fire. One truth about hell fire is that, once you are in it you cannot get out of it. Likewise, if you mistakenly jump into a bad marriage, you are finished. Since it is a lifelong union, there is no coming out of it. My prayer is that: "May God put

stumbling blocks before you to prevent you from jumping into a bad marriage." If you have already taken a plunge and landed in a bad marriage, may God help you!

. The choice of who you marry determines the course of your life: Most destinies are changed for the worst or the best immediately marriage is contracted. As far as marriage is concerned, your choice determines your future. If you marry the wrong partner, you will be dragged to the valley. If you marry the right partner, you will be lifted to the mountain of your destiny. Your choice will either cause you to rejoice or lament endlessly. Your choice is very crucial. A wrong partner will make you go wrong while the right partner will enable you to fulfil your destiny in life.

. Marriages are made in heaven and not on earth: The truth is that, the spiritual determines the physical. Although, most of our actions are carried out on earth, the major decisions we take in our relationship are best enjoyed when we follow the patterns of heaven. When you allow your marriage to be programmed from the throne of God, every other thing will fall in line.

**Psalm 16:6: says:**

***The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.***

If your marriage follows the carnal dictates of this world, it will surely hit the rocks. However, if it is made in heaven your days will be days of heaven on earth.

**Deuteronomy 11 :21 says:**

***That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.***

. It is often true that love is blind but the truth is that marriage will keep your eyes open: You can close your eyes and go into a relationship but when reality dawns on you, your eyes will remain completely open. When you

allow love to blind your eyes, the practical realities of life will make you to suffer sleepless nights as your eyes will not only remain open during the day, you may find it difficult to close them at night. Blind love will blind your heart and make you to miss your steps.

. The wedding cake is the only cake that can give you indigestion for the rest of your life: It is unfortunate that most people parade bogus cakes on their wedding day. Immediately some couples take a bite of the cake, they may continue to grapple with indigestion for the rest of their lives. Hence, the wedding cake has become an avenue for subjecting couples to marital diarrhoea and acute pain in the stomach. Why parade a cake in one day and live with myriads of indigestion for the rest of your life? Why taste a demonic wedding cake that will leave a sour taste on your tongue for the rest of your life?

. It is better for people to laugh at you for getting married late than for you to find it difficult to laugh after you are married: It is indeed true that he who laughs last laughs best. When you rush into marriage because people laugh at you, or people are likely to laugh at you, you may become a victim of negative human opinion. What matters most is your joy. People may laugh at you but the moment your own laughter begins, they will begin to regret.

**Psalm 30:5 says:**

***For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is Life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.***

Do not allow your marriage to be built on the bedrock of human opinions and wicked criticism.

. A marriage is either a holy wedlock or an unholy deadlock: When you get married and things go on smoothly, it can be referred to as a holy wedlock. A wrong marriage can best be described as an unholy deadlock. When your marriage is started on a wrong note and continues along a negative pathway, your home will be locked in the horns of the dilemma. It is either a holy wedlock or an unholy deadlock. When you follow the dictates of the Scriptures, you will get biblical result. But if you follow satanic dictates,

you will achieve satanic results. Make your marriage a holy wedlock and you will never be trapped in an unholy deadlock.

- . Marriage is either a holy wedlock or a padlock: When you are locked within a palatial building where everything that will make you wholesome can be found, you can be said to be involved in a holy wedlock. In fact, the Bible says marriage is honourable.

**Heb 13:4: says:**

***Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.***

But when your marriage is devoid of the conveniences of marriage, your life will be padlocked perpetually.

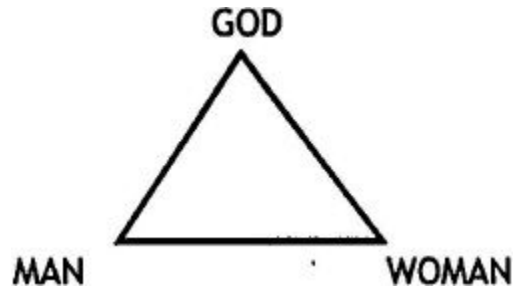
- . To marry for beauty or handsomeness is like buying a house because of the paint: The passage of time may make the paint to wear off. When the exterior paint disappears, the ugliness within will be visible. A woman or a man without character will become a liability sooner or later. No matter how bright or beautiful the paint is, lack of real treasure within will make it ugly. You need a partner who possesses the ornament of a meek and a quiet spirit.

**1 Peter 3:4: says:**

***But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.***

Internal beauty weighs more than external one. Never buy a house because of the paint. As long as the house is well-built you can garnish it with appropriate paint much later.

- 0. Successful marriage is always a triangle of:



In this case, God is at the centre. When He is involved in your marriage, your union becomes a threefold cord that is not easily broken.

**Eccl 6:12: says:**

***For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?***

The absence of God will turn any marriage to a building without any foundation. He is the Foundation of any successful marriage. The truth is that a house that is built on the sand will collapse sooner or later. When a foundation is faulty, the collapse of the building will take place unexpectedly.

1. A child of God who marries a child of the devil will have problems with his/her father-in-law, the devil: Unbelievers have no father besides the devil. As long as someone is not born again, he is a child of the devil. The fellow might be reformed, flaunt an amiable character; the truth is that being refined will never measure up to the standard of becoming truly born again. No matter how religious a man or a woman tries to be, whatever falls short of a genuine new birth experience, qualifies the person to be a child of the devil. Jesus declared without mincing words in John 8:44:

***Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.***

Any marriage with a man or woman who is not born again is an invitation to the father-in-law, the devil. Whoever courts the devil's daughter or son



will sooner or later play host to satan, the father of liars.

2. After the wedding, it is too late for regrets: A wedding takes the couple to a point of no return. Even if there are regrets, there is really nothing anyone can do. Rather than regret later, it is better to avoid a wedding that will make you to bite your finger. Even when there are regrets, nothing can be done to delete any wrong input into marriage. The moment the couple leaves the church or the registry, regrets cannot change anything.
3. A good wife or husband is a symbol of God smiling at you from heaven: Unfortunately, a bad wife or a bad husband will remind you of the devil's wicked frowns from hell. When God gives you a good spouse, you will wake up on a daily basis with the consciousness of the fact that heaven is beaming a huge smile at you. When a daughter or a son of God lives with you at home, you will be reminded of the fact that you are a beneficiary of divine benevolence. The joy of the Lord will be your strength. The peace of the Lord will radiate your home. The abiding presence of God will cheer your heart every mile of the way.
4. Many so-called engagements are 'engagements': Immediately some people conclude their engagement ceremonies they are already caged. But why must you get engaged to a partner who will make life miserable for you? Why must you go into courtship with a man or a lady who will subject you to terror and horror? Many believers are simply blind. When you allow yourself to be blindfolded, you may rush headlong into engagements that will turn you into a hopeless prisoner. Beloved, marriage is such a crucial aspect of life that it requires every caution we can muster. If you allow yourself to be hoodwinked and led into error in the areas of marriage, you will live with the consequences. You will pay dearly for your action.

This reminds me of the story of a man named Sunday. He happened to be a businessman. He was also very jealous. The wife was a simple woman who allowed herself to be lured into a marriage that should not have taken place in the first instance. Her blind decision led to a tragic end.

When they got married, Sunday's wife was promoted to the post of a senior manager in the bank where she worked. She bagged various

entitlements and was given an official car. While these positive things happened in the life of the wife, Sunday became jealous and started insinuating that the official car must have been given to the wife by her concubine. One day, in a rage of blind anger, Sunday went for a cutlass and hacked the woman to pieces. Before he could realise that the gift was from the bank, he had cut his wife to little shreds. As soon as his eyes got open, he went further and killed himself. That kind of marriage was not supposed to have been held in the first place. Something was wrong with its foundation.

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **THE 40 MARRIAGES THAT MUST NOT HOLD**

We will now go through 40 classical examples of marriages that must not hold. Anyone who contracts any of these marriages, will find himself/herself in sorrow, tears and the pit of destiny diversion and destruction. A wise man, they say, will learn from others' mistakes. Read and learn, to save yourself unnecessary heartache in future.

#### **1**

### **FAST FOOD MARRIAGE**

As the term implies; fast food marriages can take place in a flash. Victims of such marriages are driven by lust and infatuation. Things happen in quick succession. Partners are swept off their feet. Decisions are taken without moments of deep thoughts. Things are done without consulting God. In the end, things take place with the speed that can be compared with buying a hot mince pie or purchasing a scintillating ice cream at a fast food joint. Not much time is wasted and the deed is done. It is a marriage that is based on wild lust and foolish love. Within a short time, lust dies, passion wanes, but unfortunately, the food that has been purchased have been consumed.

Young men and women are often victims of fast food marriages. Silly mistakes are made and the partners are hooked. Those who are bent on fast food marriages will always turn deaf ears to the voice of the Holy Spirit as well as the warnings of their pastors. They go for what is convenient and easy, not knowing that what will last long does not often come easy. Some people have become so hoodwinked that they are ready to find a partner and get married within a week or two. This type of practice is akin to what happens in a fast food outlet. It is an unhealthy marriage. It is a marriage that must not hold. Many young men and women are busy trying to avoid

settling down at home to spend an hour on fixing a good meal. They would rather dash to a fast food joint and catch a burger which they will swallow gullibly.

## 2

# SERPENT IN THE POCKET MARRIAGE

This is a deadly marriage. No matter how intelligent you are, you can never tame a serpent. The poison of the serpent will harm you sooner or later. When you pick a spouse who has the characteristics of a serpent and you put such a serpent in your pocket thinking that you can hide it from God and His people, while you are asleep, the serpent can crawl out, bite you and inject its venom that will paralyse your life and destiny. This is a marriage that must not hold. It is a marriage based on contract with an enemy of God.

**The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 6:14:**

***Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?***

A yoke is a yoke, no matter how garnished. Any alliance with a child of the devil in the name of marriage can be likened to carefully concealing a serpent in your pocket. You may do it secretly but the consequences will be suffered openly. A serpent may lie quiet for two years but it would bite at an appointed time. At the end of the day, you will have yourself to blame if you deliberately provide accommodation for a serpent in your pocket.

Unfortunately, many people are voluntarily taking up serpents in the name of spouses. It is tragic, that there are modern serpents who have learnt the art of camouflaging. When they come, they do not appear in the mode of serpents but when it is time to strike, they would bite without any remnant and release their venom.

## 3

## **RED CROSS SOCIETY MARRIAGE**

This is a marriage that is contracted in an attempt to patch up or manage a particular mistake. It is based on accidental pregnancy or abortion. Some people have been programmed into marriages of convenience. A woman gets pregnant and the result is that marriage is contracted, either to hide the shame or as a result of being forced into taking responsibility for mistakes made in the relationship.

Here, the law of sowing and reaping comes out powerfully. When people sow evil seed, they often reap fruits that are sour, acidic and poisonous. There are many people in the church who are married today as a result of accidental pregnancies or other mistakes. Such a marriage is an arrangement forced on the partners by the proverbial Red Cross society. Such marriages will make the partners mere casualties on the field of marriage.

### **4**

## **'THUS SAITH THE DEVIL' MARRIAGE**

The enemy has infiltrated the realm of marriage through demonic consultation. Often times, concerned parents consult fetish priests, powerful marabouts and soothsayers just to find a suitor for their children. Whenever your parents try to use divination to know if a particular spouse is good for you, they are unwittingly listening to 'thus saith the devil'. Of course, the devil knows certain things about human beings. Evil spirits can see into the future and foretell what mayor may not happen. Whatever differs from the divine oracle is nothing but a satanic oracle. God speaks today and so does the devil. God will generally use His anointed servants to declare His will to His sons and daughters, but when you go to the altar of the devil for divination, the voice that will talk to you is the voice of satan.

Unfortunately, many marriages are products of 'thus saith the devil'. Interestingly, the modern day devil is no longer a black creature with two

diabolical horns. It is indeed true that satan has transformed himself into an angel of light.

**2 Corinthians 11:14 says:**

***And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.***

Modern day soothsayers are satanic mediums that have put on the cloak of godliness. But the devil will always make demonic predictions. Don't ever allow ungodly relatives to check out if a particular spouse will be compatible with you by tabling your matter on the altar of darkness. Demonic consultations breed demonic marriages. There is no information that you will ever need that God cannot provide. Avoid demonic consultations. Marriages based on 'thus saith the devil' are marriages that must not hold.

## 5

### **WITCHCRAFT MARRIAGE**

One of the activities of witchcraft powers is the manipulation of partners. Unfortunately, they abound today. In some cases, just one of the partners is a victim of witchcraft manipulation. In some other cases, both partners are hoodwinked by witchcraft agents to go into a union that will be tragic. If some people were in their normal senses, they would not have allowed themselves to be subjected to witchcraft marriage. The truth of the matter is that such marriages are products of manipulation and unhealthy influence. If partners were to be alert spiritually, such marriages would not have taken place. This type of marriage is clearly without any form of divine approval. Witchcraft marriages take place in some of the so called Pentecostal churches. Witchcraft agents come in and parade the appearance of sober Christians.

It is lamentable, that witchcraft agents carry out their wicked activities without being detected, even among so called children of God. They are marriages that must not hold.

## 6

### **SYRINGE MARRIAGE**

One of the marriages that must not hold is that referred to as the 'syringe marriage'. Some people have no reason to get married but they think they must get married because they had formed blood covenants at one time or the other. Any marriage that is based on a blood covenant is a marriage that must not hold. Any form of blood covenant is demonic and attracts terrible curses. When partners who have formed blood covenants go ahead and get married, they end up with a negative marriage that ought not to have been contracted.

## 7

### **MAXIMUM PRISON MARRIAGE**

This is one negative marriage that is terribly demonic. When a marriage is likened to a maximum prison, it shows that the partners are under serious bondage. Most of the time, one of the partner is subjected to captivity. Such a marriage is based on demonic control, domination and manipulation. The victims suddenly discover that they are held as prisoners in a fortified jail where there is no room to escape.

Maximum prison amply describes a type of bondage that is terrible. Prisoners are kept where there is no avenue of escape. This describes the situation of some sisters and brothers who are held under bondage in a marriage that makes them to shed tears on a daily basis, marriages that should not have taken place at all.

## 8

### **HALF A LOAF MARRIAGE**

There are marriages contracted on the foundation of the half a loaf bread syndrome. Rather than go for God's best, many people are busy going into marriages that will not do them any good. When some people wait without

any suitor or partner in sight, they go for anyone in sight. They simply console themselves with the fact that 'half a loaf bread.' They go for marriages that are below average and tell those who wonder why such decisions are made that when the desirable is not available, one can go for the available. By the time you discover that the available will not necessarily be desirable, they will know the consequences of accepting half a loaf of bread when a whole bread would have been obtained from God. Such a marriage should not hold at all.

## 9

### **LABORATORY MARRIAGE**

This type of marriage has given people sorrow and heartache. A laboratory marriage is nothing but experimentation. In the realm of marriage, experiments are risky. When a marriage is based on trial and error, the victims will face the consequences of the error. If you turn your home into a laboratory, most of the failed experiments will be tragic. Scientists and researchers often toy with the proverbial guinea pigs. They can afford to dissent rats and other animals but they cannot afford to do such experiments with human beings. Do not allow the enemy to convert your marriage to an evil laboratory. As far as the institution of marriage is concerned, there is no room for experiments. You must know what you are doing and take decisive steps that will not lead you into terrible regrets. It is a pity that, many people have gone into marriages that are based on trial and error. After giving an unreasonable idea a try, many of the victims have been forced to accept and live with errors. Do not allow any form of laboratory marriage. It is a negative marriage that must not take place at all. If you tolerate it, you will have yourself to blame.

## 10

### **DIABETES MARRIAGE**

In medical parlance, diabetes occurs when there is excess sugar in the blood as a result of wrong body mechanism. Many people who are addicted



to the sweet things of life have become victims of diabetes marriage. Such people run after financial and material interests only to neglect important things that will make their marriages healthy. With a diabetes marriage in place, the health of your marriage is already jeopardised. There are ladies who know that some men are bad but they keep on attaching themselves to such men just because of material benefits. Some men also know that certain ladies are spiritual deficits but they go headlong to get married to them to gain material things. Such people often lose sight of the fact that diabetic marriages are loaded with bitter experiences. Things could be sweet at the beginning but at the end, the taste becomes so sour that the victim is completely devastated. Material things will lose their value when the nitty-gritty of marriage sets in. Of what use are material things when your marital health is impaired by chronic diabetes? It is better to shun the attractions of financial and material things than allow yourself to be trapped. Whatsoever looks like diabetes marriage is a marriage that must not hold. You must learn how to cut your coat according to your size. An oversized jacket will remain a burden that is too heavy to bear.

## 11

### **ANGELINA TO DEVILINA MARRIAGE**

The marriage between Angelina and Devilina is a marriage that must not hold. When an angel is married to a devil, there will be terrible problems. How can a child of God get married to a child of the devil? Why should a believer be influenced by satanic prophesy? Angels must remain angels while demons must remain demons. The Bible is seriously against any affinity between God's kingdom and the kingdom of darkness. We must not allow the corruption of the holy seeds. There is no concord between God and Belial.

**2 Corinthian 6:15 says:**

***And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?***

When there is a marriage between darkness and light, the consequences are catastrophic.

## 12

### **KINDERGARTEN MARRIAGE**

In some cultures in Africa, there is kindergarten marriage. Very young girls are donated to men and chiefs almost twice the age of the parents of the young girls. It is an ungodly marriage that must not take place. Girls at the immature age of 12 or 14 are donated as juvenile spouses to get some benefits. This type of kindergarten marriage has brought the victims into terrible problems. People must not be forcefully gotten into marriage through donation. Partners in marriage must be old and mature enough to take decisions about whom they want to get married to.

## 13

### **DARK MARRIAGE**

If God can open your eyes to the type of marriages that are causing problems in the world, you will pray aggressively concerning the issue of marriage. Dark marriages are products of occult manipulations. Many have been forced into marriage through incantations and occult practices. There are men and women who have become strange bed fellows with their spouses through occult manipulation. Occasionally, it dawns on such people that they are mere victims of evil manipulations. Those who are being programmed through the use of occult powers to get involved in marriages must look for a means of liberation. A dark marriage is a marriage that must not hold. Occult powers must not be allowed to carry out their intention.

## 14

### **MARRIAGE OF THE STRANGER**

This is a marriage to a person you don't know. Some couples get-married blindly only to discover that they are mere puppets in the hands of strange

powers. When you marry someone who is a stranger, you will discover the fact, sooner or later. Some bachelors and spinsters have rushed into marriage but later discovered that they know little or nothing about their partners. If you marry a strange man or a strange woman, you will experience strange occurrences.

## 15

### **WIPER OF TEARS MARRIAGE**

Marriage is not something you should go into because of sympathy. It is quite good to be sympathetic but you will be guilty of carrying things too far when you marry a lady or a man out of sympathy. Many men and women are running errands which God never assigned to them. You can be sympathetic towards a man or a woman as a mark of kindness but it should end at that point. If you marry someone just to wipe his or her tears away, you may spend the rest of your life as a wiper of your own tears. One day, you will get tired of wiping tears. Even if you succeed in wiping someone else's tears, you may later drench your own handkerchief in your personal tears. Marriage should be based on love not on sympathy. The fact that you are wiping someone's tears does not mean that you should pitch your tent with him or her for life. You must learn how to start where God wants you to start and stop where He wants you to stop.

Unfortunately, some counsellors have become married to their counsellees out of sympathy. Such marriages hardly work. You can carry out the ministry of kindness without being trapped by counsellees or the counsellor. The Bible commands you to love your neighbour as yourself. It does not say that you must hate yourself while reaching out to others. God has not called you to wipe someone's tears and get married to him or her to put an end to the fellow's tears. It does not work that way. It is a marriage that must not hold. If it holds, you may end up blaming God for giving you a burden that is too heavy to bear.

## 16

## **BEWITCHED MARRIAGE**

If there is an area where satanic bewitchment is more pronounced, it is in the area of marriage. Men and women are bewitched and lured into marriages that would hurt them for life. A bewitched marriage is one that must not hold. If it happens that you are leading to such a marriage, you must break the yoke and run as fast as your feet can carry you. When you become a victim of a bewitched marriage, you will find it difficult to survive the ordeals that will be programmed into it. Those who are bewitched in the area of marriage, generally suffer. The devil has perfected the act of bewitchment. If satan could bewitch Adam and Eve and lure them out of the garden of Eden, nobody can afford to be careless. If a bewitched marriage holds, its victims will suffer untold agony.

**17**

## **BABY MARRIAGE**

The baby marriage refers to any marriage that is without maturity. Marriage must be between a man and a woman; not between a boy and a girl. To be eligible for marriage you have to be mature physically, mentally and emotionally. Do not be a baby husband or a baby wife. Immaturity will ruin your marriage. The rule of the thumb is that, you must at least be able to look after yourself before going to look after another person. The teaching of the Scripture is that, a mature man must be joined in holy wedlock with a mature woman. Under-aged boys and girls are really not ready for marriage. When two babies get married, the home will be turned into a nursery where temper and tantrums are thrown, immature acts will be visible and there will be lots of juvenile acts. Such a marriage will be fraught with mistakes and errors.

**18**

## **EMERGENCY MARRIAGE**

There are a lot of emergency marriages around us today. Many people are not really prepared for marriage. With little or no preparations, they rush into marriage. There is no serious planning. Meticulous attention is not given to things that will make for a lasting marriage. If you take a look at the way many people conduct their weddings, you will wonder whether they are in a state of emergency. Things are not done systematically. Actions are not carried out thoughtfully. Important steps were not taken cautiously. Everything was done in a hurry. When the couple should go for quality things, they package emergency measures. The rush is so pronounced that people around wonder whether the couple are hiding anything. Beloved, when the state of emergency is over, those who rush into marriage will discover that there is nowhere to rush to. By the time pregnancy comes into the marriage and children are raised, the season of emergency will give way for a season that is very slow and the couple will have to face situations that appear unending. If you spend three months courting and rush into marriage, you may spend the next 40 years cleaning the mess of an emergency marriage. It is a marriage that must not hold.

## 19

### **DISTANT MARRIAGE**

God does not want any of His children to make mistakes. Many people are ready to please themselves at the expense of pleasing God. A lot of people live in Europe and America while their parents pick up a spouse for them in Africa. The distant couple may live apart for the next 20 years. The husband may not want to come home for the fear of losing his residence status while the wife may spend the many years grappling with being denied an entry visa. At other times, a wife may be secured for someone who lives abroad and the wife may be posted to the husband without any form of prior interaction or relationship with him.

I witnessed such an occasion when I was studying in the United Kingdom. A fellow student requested me to accompany him to the airport. I did not know what he was up to until I discovered that he was clutching a photograph in a desperate bid to match the face in the picture with those

coming out of the arrival hall. I was so amused that I had to tell my friend to explain to me what was going on. Of course, the posted wife arrived and they started living together. Unfortunately for my friend, his spouse soon eloped with a German. Such is the ordeal in a distant marriage. It is a marriage that should not take place.

## 20

### **SHOW GLASS MARRIAGE**

We live in a very funny world. There is a lot of showmanship and the essence of true marriage has been lost. Most marriage ceremonies have been turned to avenues for worldly showmanship. Rather than plan how to have a successful marriage, couples conduct very elaborate weddings where money is lavished as if such extravagant spending would make the marriage to succeed. Beloved, let me tell you the truth, a noisy marriage has a high propensity towards attracting problems. When you attract all kinds of crowd and display ostentatious living, both enemies and friends will be there to witness what is being done. At the end of the day, the noisy wedding will attract noisy problems. Loud weddings will magnetise loud afflictions. You will attract envious crowds that will say congratulations openly and stab you at the back secretly. You must avoid any form of show glass marriage even when your parents are stupendously rich. You must take your stand as a believer and say no to any form of show glass marriage. Modesty is still a Christian virtue. You must learn how to do all things decently and in order. The glory of God must be your aim. Mr. Flesh must not be allowed to parade those excesses that will not glorify God. What is the essence of marriage? It is simply the union of a man and a woman. Those who come to witness the wedding should not dictate what should be done. Beloved, nothing should be done for show. You must do only what is essential. The wedding ceremony is not the true indication of what your marriage will be. Your purpose should be to give glory to God and simply conduct a wedding that will prepare you for a future where there are lots of challenges.

Many people have experienced diverse problems in the area of marriage, simply because people have not been told, point blank, that there are

marriages that must not hold. If you allow a wrong marriage to take place, you must be prepared to go through the consequences. What people are suffering today as couples are results of wrong actions, wrong motives, ungodly methods and wrong positioning. The problems of most of us in life is that, we were born and raised in wrong circumstances and in wrong positions. For example, if you were supposed to start your journey from the east and you were born in the west, you must, of necessity, go back to the west if that journey must be rewarding. Moving from the wrong position in the east to the correct place in the west may be traumatic, chaotic and tedious. Unless you move to a place where you have been destined to prosper, everything you do may end up in futility. This is the battle that is being fought by many today. It is the greatest battle of life. Many people have been wounded and multitudes have died while moving from the east to the west. Until you are correctly positioned, you will find it difficult to experience the fulfillment of your destiny. My deepest desire and prayer for you is that the Almighty God will push you out of every wrong position and launch you to the place where you are meant to prosper. As far as marriage is concerned, wrong positioning is dangerous. If God wanted you to marry Sister Elizabeth and you are planning to marry Sister Flashy, you may never find fulfillment in life. If God wants you to marry Brother Humble and you are desperately planning to marry Mr. Wealthy, you may end up being short-circuited by the enemy, of your destiny.

## 21

### **KIDNAPPER'S MARRIAGE**

This is a marriage where a woman just moves into a man's house without proper consultation and blessings of the parents. In this kind of marriage, there is no form of payment of bride price, no engagement, pastor's blessing, traditional wedding or church blessing. This is a form of stealing a wife or a husband. Many people are not married but have only succeeded in kidnapping their spouse. There are proper procedures for marriage. Certain things must be done. The kidnapper's marriage is a modern way of stealing a woman. This is a marriage where scriptural marital procedures are not observed and the lady lives with her husband. Such marriages cannot work.

**1 Corinthian 7:36-38 says:**

*But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry. Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well. So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better.*

## 22

### **ARMED ROBBERY MARRIAGE**

If you were forced to marry a person you don't like, this is called armed robbery marriage. A lot of people are forced to get married against their wish. People and circumstances around them join together and push them into a marriage which they never intended to get into. Such people can be termed victims of marital robbery. They have their own plans and programmes but people around them constitute the circumstances that are beyond their control and the result is a marriage that can be likened to daylight robbery. The methods employed include intimidation, name calling, victimisation, being pushed to the wall and raped. Most people have no plan whatsoever for getting married immediately, but all of a sudden, they are robbed. Their will is pushed aside and they wake up suddenly to discover that they are already married to someone they can almost call an enemy. This kind of marriage is taking place on a daily basis. Unfortunately, it is a marriage that must not hold. Spouses of this kind of marriage are never happy. They never experience marital fulfillment. They cry and sigh on daily basis but the deed has been done. May God save you from armed robbery marriage, in Jesus' name.

## 23

### **NFA (NO FUTURE AMBITION) MARRIAGE**



If your father was a poor bricklayer and your mother was also poor without any future or any form of education that can help, and you are about to tow the same line, what you are getting into can be termed "No Future Ambition". If the only asset a woman has is a pair of Large breasts. or if what a man has is the queen's English accent, that woman or man is not mature enough to get married. To be properly married, you must have marital goals before setting out on the journey of marriage. Many have not settled their purpose in life before getting into marriage. When you go into marriage without a clear perception of your future ambition, you will easily get frustrated. Before you get married, you must have settled down and determined on issues Like career, destiny fulfillment, usefulness in the house of God and your future influence in the society. There are many partners, who are married and are lamenting simply because before the marriage, they could be described as a rolling stone that gathers no moss. Such people concluded that marriage can give them the future they anticipated. When all is said and done and they are fully married, they will discover that marriage cannot give them the drive that will power the engine of their future ambition. Do not join the NFA group, it will take you nowhere. Your future ambition must be very strong in your mind, if you must make it in the area of marriage. If you have no ambition and you lack purpose, marriage will only end up frustrating you. Ordinarily, those who have strong ambition have discovered that it is not easy to cope with the challenges of marriage, not to talk of getting married without an inner propelling force. Many couples are simply frustrated, as they see that it is difficult to discover purpose after one has got married. You will be happy in life if you settle your purpose before getting married.

## 24

### **GOLD-DIGGER MARRIAGE**

If you are marrying somebody because of money and not love, you have the wrong reason. Remember that money can buy you shoes and not legs, it can buy a bed and not sleep, it can buy a Bible but not salvation, it can buy a house and not a home. Gold-digging wives! husband sorrow at the end of their lives. It is tragic, that material things have gained an upper hand in this

generation. Rather than settle for a quality marriage, many people are digging gold and struggling for survival. Many of those who are married today have been deceived. Most of them thought that by getting married to certain people, they would discover gold and live happily ever after. Unfortunately, money cannot give lasting fulfillment in marriage. What makes a home wholesome is not money. A lot of people have discovered that money cannot buy the good things of marriage. Some bachelors and spinsters are looking for gold. But after they have found the gold, they would discover that some types of wealth stink. There could be much money to throw around in the marriage but sooner or later, such people would discover that money can buy a car but it will never buy marital progress. Money can buy a mansion but it can never build a happy home. Money can buy modern gadgets but it will never purchase good character that would make for a happy home. Of what use is putting your energy into digging gold only to be married to a witch or a wizard after you have found the gold. Gold diggers in the area of marriage easily get frustrated. Men who prospect for gold never enjoy settlement in marriage. Women who marry because they want to acquire wealth also acquire sorrow, frustration, inner turmoil and lack of peace. You must marry someone for what he or she is, rather than marry for what the person has. It is better to marry someone who has not acquired so much money and both of you settle down happily than to marry someone who is Swimming in wealth only for you to live like cat and dog. If you are a gold digger, repent today. Go back to God, the only source of enduring wealth. When you focus on proper perspective, God can pull you out of the valley and transfer you to the highest mountain where you will be celebrated globally. Let your focus be a glorious marriage. Then gold will locate you.

## 25

### **WALKING STICK MARRIAGE**

A lady may complain that you are all she has: no father, mother, brother or Sister, and you should play all these roles in her life. She marries a man because she wants him to take good care of her, of course she is turning him into a walking stick. Many bachelors and spinsters are busy looking for the

proverbial walking stick. They are not willing to stand on their feet and trust God to provide what they need in life. They are looking for men or women who will bear their burden. This reminds me of the story of a sister whose hand was asked in marriage by a brother. The sister simply said, "I am sorry, I can't marry you; you cannot carry my load." Beloved, are you looking for someone to carry your load? Have you forgotten the Scripture that says "Cast your burden upon the Lord?" Beloved, there is no man or woman on earth that can fully carry the burden of another. No matter how rich or talented he is, there will be a season when the burden carrier will be totally unavailable. If all you want is a walking stick marriage, what if the walking stick breaks or the prop is nowhere in sight? What will you lean on, if the person supporting you becomes weak or even dies? Why are some sisters and brothers parading themselves as people who are physically handicapped? Beloved, why do you need a walking stick? Are you saying that your God has made you a cripple? Why not stand and walk on your feet? Why don't you portray yourself as a man or woman of dignity? Why must you beg a particular brother or sister to get married to you? There is a common problem in some homes. It is either the wife does nothing whatsoever to build or support the home and the husband is doing everything until he gets to the breaking point, or the wife is the sole breadwinner and supporter of the home while the husband is idling his life away. Some men often say, "If not for my wife, I would have been the poorest man in the community." Such men cannot stand alone. The truth is that, if you find it difficult to stand alone, you will be looking for a walking stick marriage and once you are married with this kind of mindset, you will continue to live as a beggar, putting on the appearance of a blind man or woman who cannot see anything and move without holding his or her spouse. The truth is that if two eyes continue to see what four eyes should see, the eyes would get weak and your spouse will begin to complain that his or her shoulder is getting tired of bearing an oversized burden. Beloved, if you can tap your latent resources and pray your destiny into fulfillment, you will never be a liability in your marriage. You will be a pillar and not a caterpillar. You will be a producer and not a mere consumer. You will be a giver and not a beggar. Happy is that family where both partners are active, working, building, making sacrifices and moving towards the same direction. The partners will be joyful, their achievements will be huge and

their progress will be meaningful. The truth is that, if you are a victim of a walking stick marriage, you need an urgent rescue and deliverance.

## 26

### **BABY FACTORY MARRIAGE**

When marriage is mainly for the sake of making babies, this is called baby factory marriage. When a baby does not come on time, there is problem and when children come, the love is, diverted to them and not to the spouse. This is where most parents fall. It is amusing that some marriages have become factories that are known for the production of many babies. Some families have exceeded their capacity in the area of baby production. It is as if some homes have been established just to make as many babies as possible. In this modern world, where there are more than enough challenges, there is simply no rationale for turning your marriage into a baby factory. Yes, one of the reasons for marriage is procreation but, beloved, it should be a sensible procreation. God is the giver of children but there must be restraint and self control. You must have a reasonable number of children, so that they will not blame you for neglect when they grow up. It is not reasonable for a man to turn his wife to a weakling simply because all the "bolts" in her body have fallen out because she has been turned into a factory that has no rest whatsoever. Some men believe that the only purpose for marriage is to make as many babies as possible. When the family is addicted to making babies, there will be no space for maturity, development, career achievement and adjustment in the home and society. We must not make the mistake made by our ancestors. In those days, they gave birth to as many children as possible. They had a simple goal. They needed several farm hands and cheap labour. But today, our case is different. It is better to raise a sizeable family and train your children in the way of the Lord and also give them quality education that will make you proud of them in life.

**Proverb 22:6 says:**

***Train up a child In the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.***

## **ESCAPE ROUTE MARRIAGE**

When you marry just to escape from family troubles, you are in an escape route marriage. The only reason some people get married is to escape from persecution, poverty, frustration and the consequences of personal mistakes. The harsh truth, beloved, is that marriage is never an escape route. If you try to find an escape route in it, the stark realities of it will push you into the world where you will discover more problems. Some men try to find an escape route in marriage simply because they are not domesticated. Some ladies are tired of living alone. They believe that by getting married, they will escape the world of reality. No, the world of marriage has greater challenges than the world of the single. There is no escape route anywhere. There can be loneliness in marriage. Some ladies who are married cry. Some men who are married grapple with frustration. Marriage is not a form of abracadabra magic. It is not true that when you get married, you will be transported to heaven and you will no longer feel the hunger, the cold and tiredness that is common to human beings. Marriage can never solve all the problems you have in life. It is not magic. What you put into it is what you will get. You cannot bury your head in the sand like an ostrich when you get married. After marriage, you will continue to live in the world of reality. You will have to care for your spouse and provide for your children. If you are lazy, you will never find an escape route in marriage. Marriage requires a great deal of hard work. If you think of getting married so you can sleep all day, when you wake up from your sleep, you will discover that marriage cannot give you an escape route.

## **PLASTER MARRIAGE**

Some people get married just because they want a visa or citizenship. That is, the marriage is used as a sealant. Plaster marriage cannot work. When you have a wound and you place a bogus plaster on the surface, it would not take away the pain. A plaster can only hide something, it cannot

take it away. Many ladies and gentlemen are looking for the proverbial plaster marriage. They know that there are hidden problems in the heart. They are conscious of the fact that there is a void within. They quickly go for a plaster marriage thinking that it will erase their personal shortcomings, stigma and moral deficiency. No, a plaster will remain a plaster. You can cover your entire body with a plaster and still remain who you are. No amount of plaster can conceal blisters of pimples on your face. After the marriage has been conducted, your spouse would be able to take a long look at you and discover your inadequacies and shortcomings. Beloved, I counsel you to be real. Be sincere. Own up to who you are. Work on your shortcomings. Address your lack. Focus your attention on the blemishes in your life. Build up your inner man. Strengthen your moral fibre. Stand tall with the help of the Almighty. Avoid waiting for the proverbial gain in the area of marriage. Let God build you up. Then you will not look for the plaster marriage.

## 29

### **DOG MARRIAGE**

This is when you marry because of sexual attraction. This kind of marriage does not last and should not hold. What you are reading in this book is indeed real. It is just that many couples are already sick and tired of coming out to tell the world what they are going through. Some marriages cannot be called marriages at all. Lots of issues are inverted. Problems are legion in several homes. What some people call marriage is nothing but dog marriage. Some people are wrong in the area of purpose. Some ladies or men are merely looking for sex partners. They have discovered that they have a secret excessive sexual urge. They believe that by getting married, the unnatural urge will be cured. When such partners get married, they virtually turn the bedroom to a theatre of sex. But they soon get tired and discover that sex can never be the main objective of marriage. The dog marriage will always breed dissatisfaction, immorality, infidelity, inner frustration, frequent squabbles and a disorientated family. Beloved, your partner must not be turned into a sex machine. God has not given you your spouse just to make him or her, a mere object of sexual gratification. Your

partner is not a sex toy. When a man or a lady discovers that he or she has been turned to an object that can be used, violated and abused excessively, such a partner will be looking for an avenue for running away. There must be a balance in the home. When sex is placed in a proper perspective, the marriage will be wholesome. When the focus is sexual gratification, that kind of marriage should not hold.

## 30

### **ONE WAY TRAFFIC MARRIAGE**

This is a kind of marriage where one person likes the other person without the love flowing from the other side. When only one person is involved in the love game, such marriage does not work. Marriage is supposed to be mutually beneficial. There must be contributions by both partners. But when marriage becomes a one-way traffic, one of the partners suffer. Some partners can be described as the dead sea, a sea that is stagnant. There is input without any output. A dead sea produces dead fishes. When there is a balance of inflow and outflow and couples give and take, there would be harmony. Many homes are perfect symbols of a very ugly one-way traffic. It is either the wife is busy giving all the love and care as well as the financial support and the husband is gulping everything without any contribution whatsoever. The husband may be the sole lover, doctor, breadwinner and therapist and the wife is simply enjoying what is provided. When the husband gets tired, there is nobody to encourage him. One-way traffic marriage will always produce chaos, frustration and complete apathy. It is a marriage that should not take place. If during courtship, a partner is always asking and asking for things to meet his or her needs without caring about the needs of the others, it would produce a one-way traffic marriage. As long as someone is busy receiving without thinking of giving, the marriage will not work. It will remain a one-sided marriage. Such a marriage will lead to marital distress.

## 31

### **PANIC MARRIAGE**

When a lady begins to be worried and panic that all her sisters and brothers are married and she tells a man to get her pregnant so that she also can get married, this kind of marriage would not work. Marriage is not an avenue for competition. You must never compare yourself with others. Unhealthy comparison will create panic in your heart. As a result of advancing in age or witnessing the marriages of many colleagues and family members, some people look for avenues to get married in panic. Panic marriage does not work. When you get married, the panic would disappear and reality will stare you in the face. Whatever made you to panic will fizzle out soon and the problems of marriage will mount up. Whatever is done in a panic in the area of marriage will attract problems that are monumental. The Bible says; "Be still and know that I am God." When your faith and confidence in God is strong, you will never give in to satanic panic. Bachelors and spinsters have resorted to the use of ugly methods to contract panic marriage. But marriage is such a serious issue that it should never be done in a panic. If you copy what others are doing, you will discover that the satisfaction you thought you may get is nowhere in sight. The fact that your mates are married does not mean that they are happily married. In fact, some married ladies and men often envy single ladies or men. Some of them wish they could exchange position with the unmarried. If you now allow yourself to be thrown into a panic, you will discover that as soon as you get married, you will not find the euphoria, the excitement or the Eldorado which you anticipated. Panic marriage will always produce pain. It will breed inner turmoil. What you rush to do in a panic will leave you unfulfilled. The moment some people declare, "I do" at the marriage altar, they go back home feeling guilty and wondering why they took such a step out of panic. There is nothing that can be described as "out of this world" in marriage except what is put in a marriage by God and through the efforts of serious partners. Marriage in itself cannot make you happy. Avoid panic measures. Avoid such a marriage. Such a marriage should not hold.



Some ladies marry because they want to cure loneliness. Unfortunately, many have ended up marrying loners - people that don't talk to people. This kind of marriage does not work. A lot of people are married but still single. The truth is that there is no medicinal marriage anywhere. Marriage is not a cure-all therapy. It is only a normal state in life. Most people have discovered that after marriage, nothing has changed. Their partners are still human, they still experience pain. They still grapple with practical situations of life. Struggles are still made to remain happy. Pursuing marriage as if it was one pill that would cure all your ailments in life will remain a venture that would produce no enduring result. You cannot cure loneliness by going into medicinal marriage.

## 33

### **FINE FACE MARRIAGE**

When a person marries someone because of beauty or handsomeness, it is like buying a house because of the paint. Sometimes, you wonder why a very beautiful lady has a very bad temper. Many have been lured into marriage by the beauty of the lady or the handsomeness of the man. Faces do not depict character. There is no way to detect what is hidden in the heart by looking at the face. An inviting smile, an attractive facial appearance, a courteous look or a cool countenance cannot recommend a lady or a man as a perfect mate. There are lots of beauty queens who are hiding monumental moral ineptitude. There are many good looking guys who harbour serpents in their hearts. Such people may purchase costly items in the area of marriage with the colour of their skin. The colour of your skin cannot determine the state of your heart. The fact that someone is ebony black, or that another person spots a flashing light colour does not mean that such a person will be the best partner for you. Never marry because of beauty.

**Proverb 31:30 says:**

***Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.***

A lady who does not appear very beautiful could possess wonderful qualities of character. A man who may not emerge as the most handsome in the community may possess a glorious character. Don't be deceived by physical appearance. Beauty is only skin deep. Beyond the veneer of the skin, there are hidden character traits. Don't marry for beauty. Don't marry a man because he is tall. Don't marry a lady because she is slim. What you need is the hidden quality of character that lurks in the heart. Only God can help you discern that.

## 34

### **PRESCRIPTION MARRIAGE**

When you get married based on prescription with words like 'she will be good for you', such a marriage may not be approved by God.

**1 Samuel 16:7 says:**

***But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.***

Well-wishers abound in the society. When people discover that you are up to the age of getting married, they will come up with all types of prescriptions and volunteer information that you did not request for. They may come to you saying, "I know that you are quite good, I think I have found someone that fits you. I am not trying to intrude into your privacy but I am doing this out of ; concern." Such people will go to any length in order to give you a link but such a link may place you under bondage. The only thing you need is divine prescription. Human prescriptions will lead you astray. Let God be your guide.

## 35

### **THE CINEMA MARRIAGE**

This is when you marry a man because you want to be seen with the high profile people in the society. Many people are looking for visibility and has a covetous eye for marrying members of the privileged class in the society. They do not want to marry a man or a woman who is still struggling. They look for big names in the society as they want to attach themselves to members of families that will make them visible.

**Ecclesiastes 2:4-11 says:**

***I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards: I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits: I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me: I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.***

Unknown to such people, marrying big names is often tantamount to marrying big troubles. If you marry people who are visible, you may have to get ready for problems that are very visible. There is no problem with marrying from big families but unknown to many people, big families have big battles. When you get married to such a family, you must be ready to cut your own share of their cake of spiritual battles. If you marry a big man's daughter or son, you may have to struggle with the fact that such a person could have been spoilt with wealth. Such a person could ask you to fan his or her ego and you will have no option. That is the price you will have to pay for a cinema marriage. Cinema marriage can throw you into the

limelight but it will never save you from limelight problems. If you marry a diplomat thinking you are going to enjoy, immunity, unknown to you, you may also inherit the mystery of failure at the edge of breakthrough. You must be ready to accept God's will. But if you choose a cinema marriage, you must not complain when you begin to experience cinema problems. The truth is that, the cinema marriage will not do you any good. It is a marriage that must not hold. It is a journey you must not undertake. The journey of marriage can lead you into crisis unless you have God as your compass and rudder.

## 36

### **MARRIAGE BETWEEN MRS. HUSBAND AND MR. WIFE**

This is a marriage where the wife is the one in charge. However, when roles are inverted, problems ensue. This kind of marriage does not work. There is a divine order. Each partner has clearly spelt out roles. When these roles are carried out, there would be harmonious living, peace, progress and a wholesome atmosphere in the family.

**Ephesians 5:22-25 says:**

***Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, Love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;***

When there is a demonic juxtaposition of roles, all kinds of negative problems come in the trail. The Bible makes it very clear that the husband is the head of the home. He takes authority, under God, to lead the home. The husband, in the position of authority, is charged in the Scriptures to love his wife. The wife is instructed to be submissive to the husband in all things.

When these clearly defined roles are followed in a Godly manner, results are achieved. However, when the wife takes the role of the husband, there will be a serious trouble. Right from the courtship, domineering ladies assert themselves beyond measure. By the time marriage takes place, it will be clear that the wife is Mrs Husband, while the man becomes Mr. Wife. The wife gives orders and the husband cringes at the sight of the wife. Sooner or later, problems reach catastrophic dimensions. Any woman who is not ready to assume the role of a wife will dominate the husband. Such marriages end up in chaos. It is against what God has designed. It is a marriage that must not hold.

## 37

### **CATERPILLAR MARRIAGE**

This is a marriage that right from when the relationship begins, different catastrophes begin to happen - sack in work places, death of parents and so on. The troubles do not end after the marriage - they are continuous. The caterpillar marriage is a destructive one. Such marriage must not hold. When the husband comes from a terribly demonic background and the wife is equally demonic, the home becomes a theatre of complex demonic problems. It can be likened to bringing both positive and negative charges together. There would be problems like sickness, misunderstanding, poverty, bad luck, closed doors, cycle of misfortune, jumping from frying pan to fire, going from one tragedy to the other and experiencing all forms of destruction. By the time the couple looks around, they would discover that there is no breathing space. Even when they try to patch things up, nothing would ever work. Unfortunately, the children would suffer the consequences. Invisible demonic caterpillars will perpetrate destruction with reckless abandon. The mystery of the caterpillar and the cankerworm will be at work.

**Joel 1:4 says:**

***That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.***

There is no denying the fact that this kind of marriage will be destructive.

## 38

### **FIXED MARRIAGE**

This is marriage where everything is fixed. In many families, they have a particular family from which they must marry. There are families where the kind of house they must build is fixed. The village they must marry from is fixed and everything about them is fixed. They believe that there could be catastrophes if there is any alteration. When things are fixed, it is as a result of demonic manipulation. Evil powers must have programmed things in demonic ways. It is unfortunate, that several homes have had things fixed for them by demonic ancestors. By the time people from this type of family come together in marriage, there will be lots of taboo. Any divination will spell disaster when things are demonically fixed. No matter the efforts on the part of the couple, tradition would make things impossible. It is a marriage that must not hold.

## 39

### **SECOND HAND MARRIAGE**

This is when somebody is already married without your knowledge and the person comes to marry you. Don't stay on in such a fixed. It does not work. A lot of things are going on in our world. Several ladies have been married secretly in the past but when they come into a new environment, they seek opportunities for getting married afresh. When some men go to a new city, they try to bury their past by trying to deceive ladies by pretending as if they never got married before. When such second hand marriages take place, within a very short time, secrets from the past come into the open. The husband or the wife discovers that they have blindly married someone who had married before. When the discovery takes place, nothing can be done to amend the situation as it is often too late. It is important that you make enquiries concerning the status of the man or

woman you want to marry. Never go into a second hand marriage. Such a marriage will never work. It is a marriage that must not take place.

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### **CIA or KGB MARRIAGE**

This is a marriage where the lady or the man does not want to introduce the other person to the family or the pastor. This kind of marriage is held secretly without the knowledge of any person of relevance. Secret marriages are marriages that must not hold. When either one of the partners or both of them are making deliberate efforts to keep things secret, the marriage will hit the rocks. Most of the time, when people have things to hide, they resort to the use of sinister methods to avoid being caught or detected. When a lady or a man tries to keep his would-be spouse away from parents and family members, when a problem comes up, there would be no family members to turn to. Secret marriages breed several problems. When the problems become full blown, the burden would be too heavy for the wife or the husband to bear. A tree does not make a forest. Parents are needed. When trials or problems erupt in a marriage, those who have carried out secret marriages discover that they are on their own. There would be no adviser, counsellor and elderly family members to rescue the ailing marriage. You need to do things in the open. Let your pastor and your parents be aware of every positive step you are taking. You might need them earlier than you can imagine. But when there is a deliberate effort to take marital steps surreptitiously, it is an indication that certain things are wrong. Secret marriages show that couples have things to hide. The CIA or the KGB marriage is a marriage that often starts on a wrong note. The foundation of secrecy may make the home that is built on it to collapse. When you suspect that your partner is trying to hide serious issues, it is a signal that problems are in the offing. Avoid this kind of marriage.

# CHAPTER 7

## PRAYER SECTION

Having learned all these, you are now on the path to marital success if you make use of the knowledge you have gained. It is a checklist before going into any marital relationships.

It is important that as you have learnt all these, you also take time to pray so that you do not fall into the collective captivity of your father's/mother's house, and you will get to meet your rightful partner.

As you pray these prayers, your long-term bondages will be broken and you will receive a rain of uncommon marital testimony, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## PRAYER SECTION ONE

1. I forbid any transference of spirit into my life from my family, friends and associates, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every altar, speaking against my divine destiny, be dismantled, in the name of Jesus.
3. I bring the blood of Jesus over the spirit that does not want to let me go, in the name of Jesus.
4. Let the blood of Jesus, purge me of every witchcraft contaminating material, in the name of Jesus.
5. I destroy the hand of any witch doctor working against me, in the name of Jesus
6. Every witchcraft spirit, attempting to build a wall against my destiny, fall down and die, in the name of Jesus.
7. I send the rain of affliction upon every marine witchcraft working against me, in the name of Jesus



8. Sun, moon, stars, earth, water and the elements, vomit every enchantment that is against me, in the name of Jesus
9. Every power using the heavenlies against me, fall down and be disgraced, in the name of Jesus.
10. Let the stars of heaven begin to fight for me, in the name of Jesus.
11. O God, arise and scatter every conspiracy in the heavenlies that is against me, in the name of Jesus.

## **PRAYER SECTION TWO**

1. Let all negative materials, circulating in my blood stream, be evacuated, in the name of Jesus
2. I drink the blood of Jesus. (Physically swallow and drink it in faith. Keep doing this for some time.)
3. *Lay one hand on your head and the other on your stomach or navel and begin to pray like this: Holy Ghost fire, burn from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. Begin to mention every organ of your body; your kidney, liver, intestines, blood, etc. You must not rush at this level, because the fire will actually come and you may start feeling the heat.*
4. I cut myself off from every spirit of (*mention the name of your place of birth*), in the name of Jesus.
5. I cut myself off from every tribal spirit and curses, in the name of Jesus.
6. I cut myself off from every territorial spirit and curses, in the name of Jesus.
7. Holy Ghost fire, purge my life
8. I claim my complete deliverance, in the name of Jesus, from the spirit of . . . (*mention those things you do not desire in your life.*)
9. I break the hold of any evil power over my life, in the name of Jesus.
10. I refuse to co-operate with any anti-marriage spell and curses, in the name of Jesus.

11. I cancel, every bewitchment fashioned against my settling down in marriage, in the name of Jesus.
12. Let every force magnetising the wrong people to me be paralysed, in the name of Jesus.
13. I break every covenant of marital failure and late marriage, in the name of Jesus.
14. I cancel, every spiritual wedding conducted consciously or unconsciously on my behalf, in Jesus' name.
15. I remove the hand of household wickedness from my marital life, in the name of Jesus.
16. Let every incantation, incision, hexes and other spiritually harmful activities working against my marriage, be completely neutralised, in the name of Jesus.
17. I command all forces of evil, manipulating, delaying or hindering my marriage to be completely paralysed, in the name of Jesus.
18. Let all evil-marriage covenants be broken, in the name of Jesus.
19. Lord, restore me to the perfect way in which You created me, if I have been altered.
20. Father, let Your fire destroy every satanic weapon fashioned against my marriage, in the name of Jesus
21. I forsake any personal sin that has given ground to the enemy, in my life, in the name of Jesus.
22. I reclaim all the grounds I have lost to the enemy, in the name of Jesus.
23. Let the blood of Jesus, speak against every power working against my marriage.
24. Every demon of frustration in my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
25. I reject every spirit of rejection and cancel their operations in my life, in the name of Jesus.
26. I reject and cast out of my life, every deeply rooted failure, in the name of Jesus.
27. Every spirit of abject poverty in my family line, my life is not your candidate, in the name of Jesus.

28. Holy Ghost fire, burn every garment of poverty in my life, in the name of Jesus.
29. Every spirit of monument in my life, loose your hold and die, in the name of Jesus.
30. Every spirit of pocket-with-holes wasting my finances, die, in the name of Jesus.
31. I shall not labour in vain, another person shall not eat the fruit of my labour, in the name of Jesus.
32. Every ancestral spirit of anger, loose your hold upon my life, in the name of Jesus.

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