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Prayers for Singles**

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**Meditations, Prophetic
Declarations and Biblical
Foundation for Finding a Life
Partner**

*Keys to Preparing for Your
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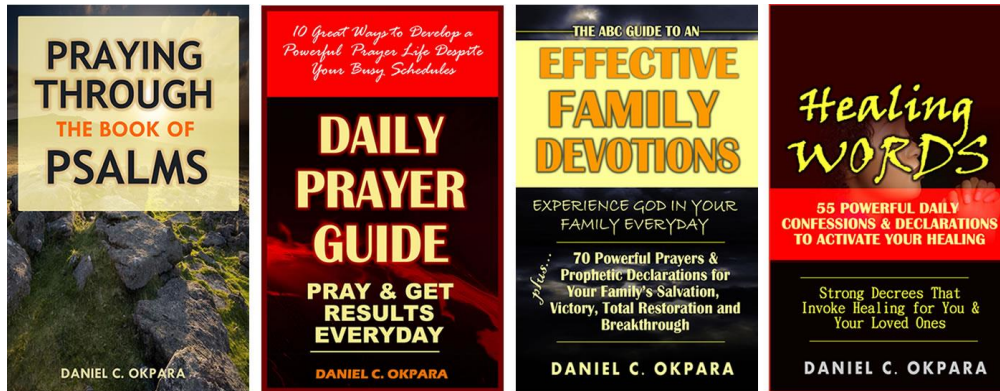
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***“In a world of celebrities always
splitting up, having a good, stable
marriage is something that can make
others believe that God does make a
difference, and that lifetime love is
possible.” - Anon***

Make this declaration:

*“God and me will make the difference in
my marriage.”*

Dedication

To the Holy Spirit, our present help at all times.

To Late Chief Gibson & Lolor Rita Anugwom, for an exemplary
marriage

To our children, Isaac, Annabel, and Excel, for teaching us
patience.

To Dr Dennis and Pastor Aity Inyang for being our marriage
counselors and examples.

To Deaconess Christy Elem for being there for us in a very critical
time in our marriage.

To our church for being a great support to us.

To you, reading this book, may your prayers be answered, and
may you have complete joy in your marriage, in Jesus' name.

Introduction

This book is a collection of my practical teaching and sermon notes. These truths will help any person seeking a life partner – man or woman - to start praying and preparing for their marriage.

As I've often said:

“The best place to launch the search for a life partner is from within you, not outside, not on social media, or dating websites. Start from within yourself.”

Ask yourself...

- “Am I ready to get married?”
- “What should I start doing to prove that I'm ready?”

Don't just say, “Sir, I want to get married this year. Please pray for me.”

First, ask yourself, “Am I really ready for marriage?”

One thing that question will do in your mind is that it will help you know what you must do or stop doing to say you're ready to get married.

In this book, I want to encourage you to pray for your marriage and let God take control. Even though prayer is often overlooked in finding a spouse, it is one of the best things anyone can do to set things right.

I pray that ***your marriage story will be a source of joy, a positive model for society, and not a negative example, in Jesus' name.***

Lesson 1

Why You Should Spend Time and Pray When Seeking a Life Partner

“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven.” - Ecc. 3: 1

There is a time to seek a wife or a husband. There is a time to get married. There is a time to quit **‘single life’** and embark on the marriage journey.

Marriage is an exciting adventure. Unfortunately, many have made a shipwreck of it. The number of divorce cases keeps increasing despite the number of books and marriage counseling available. Why?

Because people want to run marriage with their ideas alone, and not that of God who made marriage.

Many believe that since marriage is between a man and a woman, God is not a factor in the equation. Unfortunately, it’s not working.

Marriage is one area where the wisdom of man has failed woefully.

God is the one who instituted the covenant of marriage. He is interested in the success of what He founded.

“You cannot succeed in marriage with one tip you read on social media or with one strategy you found in one book out there. You need the founder of marriage for His ideas on how to make a marriage work.”

If we’re going to get the best out of our marriages and relationships, then we must recognize the source of marriage, and as much as we can, make efforts to run our marital relationships using the owner’s manual for it.

I drive a Toyota car, for example. It will be unfair for me to run the vehicle using the Honda manual and parts. No matter how safe and economical the Honda parts may be, I’ll be doing myself lots of disservice driving my Toyota car with Honda parts.

So, if you feel you’ve come to the stage of your life – to seek a life partner –one of the best things you can do is to pray.

Prayer is one of the most powerful ways to start your marriage journey. It will take the unforeseen circumstances off your chest

and keep them at God's feet. It will prepare the way for you and make the crooked places straight.

What will prayer do for you as you seek a life partner?

There are so many great things that prayer will achieve for you, but first, let me tell you what prayer will not do.

What Prayer Will Not Do

1. Prayer Will Not Make You Marry a Perfect Person

Prayer and praying for a life partner does not mean you'll get a perfect person. Far from it.

No matter how Godly we are, we are all working towards perfection. No one is perfect yet, as long as we are still on earth.

2. Prayer Will Not Make God to Do Your Will

Prayer is not intended to convince God to send you that handsome, beautiful, young, tall, spotless, caring, educated, outgoing, wealthy, and generous angel. As much as these qualities are great, they are our mental creations motivated by movies and not the basis for praying for a life partner.

3. Prayer is Not a Means to Compel God

Prayer is not designed to be a means of changing someone from an unbeliever to a believer. We have met with many young people

who think that when they marry someone, they will change that person; or that as they pray, someone will eventually change and become the kind of person they want. From our experience, this has not always come out well.

Yes, prayer does change people. But it should not be used as a bargain to get God to change someone that you decided to marry against all odds and against Biblical marriage advice.

4. Prayer Does Not Mean No More Issues

Prayer and praying for a life partner (and ultimately for your marriage) does not mean you will not have issues in your marriage. Not at all.

As long as we're on earth, we're exposed to temptations, trials, and problems. And praying for a spouse and your marriage does not exempt you from the challenges of marriage. However, it will position you for triumph, from time to time. Issues will come up, but God will always make a way. Somehow, you will always win.

What Prayer Will Do

1. Prayer Changes You

Prayer changes you. In fact, most times, you're the one who needs more change than the person you're seeking to change. When you genuinely start praying for your marriage, you will begin to see

things differently from how you used to see them. It will soften your heart, make you more humble, take away haste and anxiety from you, and make you calm.

2. Prayer Will Help You Discern

Prayer helps you discern between wolves and sheep.

One thing that happens when you are young and thinking marriage is that many people will tell you that they love you. And most times, because you don't see tomorrow, you may believe some and begin to develop feelings.

Usually, they will come in the name of having your interest at heart, and if you are not careful, you'll surrender your defenses because of their promises. The Bible says that everyone claims to be faithful, but it's tough to find one who is faithful (Proverbs 20:6).

But as you pray, somehow, your heart will begin to discern between the lines. Events will start to unfold to give you an insight into who you're dealing with, and you'll know whether to draw the line or proceed.

3. Praying Will Put You at the Right Place

Success in life is all about positioning. There's a place to be, and when to be at this location, to meet with your spouse to be.

Prayer will position you in the right place.

As you sincerely and intentionally pray, activities will begin to line up to bring you to relevant places that will usher you into your breakthrough.

4. Prayer Will Remove Spiritual Barriers

Prayer will destroy spiritual barriers and obstacles that cause marital delays. It will help you reject curses, shatter demonic and witchcraft manipulations that work against marriage plans and homes.

Don't joke with this. The devil hates marriage. He will instigate issues to dismantle your marriage, lead you astray, bring disappointments, or cause heartbreaks.

But as you pray, the power of God will begin to move in the spirit to destroy all barriers and manifest your desires and breakthrough.

5. Prayer Will Give You the Wisdom to Prepare

Finally, prayer will give you the wisdom to prepare and help you in the selection process. Somehow, it will cause things to work out

in ways you least expect. It will give you a sense of inner assurance that God is in control.

When we intentionally pray for our marriages, great things happen. Extraordinary changes take place, beginning from the inside of us. Life-threatening mistakes are avoided, and great blessings manifest.

My Story

My earnest prayers played a vital role in choosing the person I married, especially when I consider the circumstances that brought us together.

I had already visited the family of someone else I wanted to marry. The family had welcomed me heartily and was waiting for me to start the marriage process. On the other side, someone else had also visited the family of the woman who is my wife today, and they were making plans to commence the marriage process. So, while I was planning to commence the marriage process for another person, on her side, someone else was about to commence the marriage process. But somehow, we met, and everything changed.

One way or another, we knew we were made for each other. As we tried hard not to make it work because of our commitments, it just continued and worked out beyond our expectations.

Today, I look back, and I'm happy I prayed for God's help while seeking a life partner.

I'm not saying we don't have issues. We do. But we are getting better and growing stronger together.

I encourage you to earnestly pray as you desire and seek a life partner, because as the Bible says, "It is not of him that willeth, neither him that runneth, but God that showeth mercy" (Romans 9:16).

"The horse is ready for battle, but the victory belongs to God" (Proverbs 21:31).

As you pray, God's mercy and favor will prevail.

ALWAYS REMEMBER

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Lesson 2

Who is a God-Fearing Spouse?

Every time I ask a young lady, “What kind of man do you want?”
They start by saying, “I want to Godly man.”

Some go further by saying, “I need a man who is prayerful, a man who will draw me closer to God...” and so on.

Unfortunately, in real life, women pray more than men.

This means that if you are waiting for a man who will be more prayerful than you, it’s going to take a long time before you marry.

When a man comes to you and portrays himself as a churchy, praying giant, be careful. They may be trying to impress you.

A young lady said to me, “Sir, my husband changed after marriage. He no longer prays; he is no longer a born again; I want to leave.” And I said, “He didn’t change. He was only trying to impress you when you were relating with him.”

It’s a fact that when it comes to marriage, women pray more than men. I don’t know why it’s like that, but that’s the way it is.

First, know that a godly person is not measured by the person's ability to pray; I mean spending hours praying or always going to church.

I have seen ladies who were always in church, always prayed more than even their pastors, and go out for evangelism every day. But the moment they married, everything changed. They became ***jezebelic*** in the house and stayed away from the church.

Never measure Godliness by a person's constant coming to church. A Godly person is not all about someone who prays in tongues or prophecies or someone who doesn't miss church.

Godliness is not marked by activity. It is an attitude toward God, composed of the following essentials:

- The fear of God
- The love of God
- The desire for God
- Hatred for evil
- Commitment to spiritual growth
- Testimony of salvation

- Membership to a local church
- Placement of God's Word above personal interests

Let's talk about a few of these features.

The fear of God

Notice that I did not use the words, ***born again***.

That phrase has been overly misunderstood because many who claim to be born again today are ***born against***. They are everything wrong with the faith.

So, for now, let's stick with the term "***fear of God***."

A Godly person has a fear of God.

"What's that?" You ask.

The Bible gives us a few tips to recognize someone who has a fear of God.

Proverbs 8:13 (TLB) - *If anyone respects and fears God, he will hate evil. For wisdom hates pride, arrogance, corruption, and deceit of every kind.*

Proverbs 3:7 - *Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil.*

2 Timothy 2:19 - *Nevertheless, the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The LORD knows those who are His,"*

and, “*Let everybody who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.*”

Proverbs 16:6 - *In mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity; and by the fear of the Lord, one departs from evil.*

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These scriptures don’t need explanation. But just in case you still need one, here is it: *The fear of God means intentionally depart from evil every day.*

This doesn’t mean that one must be a perfect, sinless soul to be said to have a fear of God. No. As long as we’re in this world, we’re ***a work in progress.***

But a child of God must have a fear of God. That is, an attitude that does not rejoice in evil, immorality, and sin; an attitude that recognizes that God will reward our actions of evil or good. That is what the fear of God means: that innate humility to hate and always want to reject evil and iniquity.

The desire for God

The Psalmist said in Psalm 63:1: ***“O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and weary land where there is no water.”***

Godliness is not a state of being that you achieve but a progressive, ongoing lifestyle of learning, leaning, and depending on God.

A Godly person aspires to please God in his or her way of life every day. You will notice it if the person has it. It can't be hidden.

Someone who hates evil

When David was confronted with his sin, he fell face down, cried to God for mercy, and repented of his sins. That's the mark of Godliness - always ready to repent of errors and sins when confronted with them.

Someone who boasts when they do wrong certainly doesn't have a fear of God.

Someone with a testimony of salvation

There are many individuals in the church, but few with evidence of salvation. Since Jesus is the first step to God, a potential Godly spouse must be someone who has accepted Christ as His LORD and personal Savior and knows it. Not just a churchgoer.

Member of a local Church

He or she may not be sleeping in church, that is, always in church 24/7. But, at least, the person should belong to a local church, fellowship, or prayer group.

Ask questions like:

- “What church do you attend?”
- “How is your relationship with your leaders?”

All this may sound like you’re hard on yourself. But you’re only trying to do God’s will. Be respectful and don’t ask these questions like it’s a fight. Take your time, but be firm when you want to know about the person you want to spend the rest of your life with.

Believes the Word of God above all

The word of God should be final and the end of the discussion on any matter concerning anyone. But where anyone can set the word of God aside to pursue personal interests, that kind of person does not qualify as a Godly person. Your spouse-to-be, do they believe the Bible?

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Yes, it’s not easy trying to explain what a Godly person is all about, but there are some things to look out for. Don’t go about

judging people. But if this person is someone you're planning to spend the rest of your life with, there's no harm in finding out their situation with their maker.

ALWAYS REMEMBER

“Don’t judge anyone. But when it comes to someone you will be spending the rest of your life with, it’s okay to learn as much as you can about the person’s understanding and relationship with His maker.”

Lesson 3

What to Look for in a Potential Life Partner?

“He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD” - Prov. 18:22

The Bible uses the word *find* because you must search. And permit me to say that it's not only men that search. Women must also search. Inwardly and outwardly.

To search is to look for something. You light up your light and begin to search. When you find what you're looking for, you will know.

The first step in finding a life partner is to ask yourself, “What kind of person am I looking for?”

Of course, you won't marry every man, neither will you marry every woman. So how do you know the person you are talking with right now is the one you should marry?

Realistic Expectations

Call it parameters, conditions, or expectations. It's the same thing. Set a realistic expectation of what you want in a spouse.

I say realistic because often, our human expectations are vague, sensual, and full of pride.

Everyone wants a tall, handsome, beautiful, easy-going, caring, cheerful, well-to-do, humble, educated, supportive, churchy, well-traveled, fine-speaking ... blah blah blah.

Unfortunately, these are the wrong parameters for selecting a life partner. Those things are only found in movies and novels; and, of course, celebrity marriages.

***“The worse thing you can do to yourself is
to model marriage after celebrities’
relationships and marriages.”***

Realistic expectations are based on virtues and values, not on physical appearances, and the Bible gives us some clues of parameters to look for in someone we want to marry.

Abraham set a parameter for the kind of wife Isaac should marry. So, it was easy for His servant to skip every other woman until he found a woman that met that requirement.

He said to the senior servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh.

I want you to swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living

But will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac.”

(Gen. 24:1-4 AMP)

When you date, don't date with your both eyes closed. There should be something you're looking for based on well-defined Biblical ideas. Here are eight of such ideas to guide you:

1. Same Spiritual Culture

As we read above, Abraham asked his Chief of staff to swear he would never get a wife from the Canaanites for Isaac. In other words, his first parameter of someone his son would marry is someone of the same spiritual culture as him.

Before you ask if Abraham was right in giving that condition for Isaac's marriage, instead of letting Isaac be the one who decides for himself, remember that Isaac had a choice. It was not forced

on him. He was simply in agreement with the suggestion of His father. If he had said, “Dad, this is the lady I want to marry,” Abraham would never have objected.

In simple terms, Isaac was the one who allowed his father to guide the choice of his wife.

Isaac, as a person, seemed to believe a lot in his father’s choices. He was around seventeen to twenty years old when Abraham wanted to offer him as a sacrifice. He was fully aware of what was going on, but he decided to agree with it. He believed in his dad’s choices and plans.

So, this is not a case of a father forcing something down on his son. It is a son agreeing with his father’s direction.

But apart from that, the main lesson here is to marry from your spiritual tribe. No doubt, there were good women among the Canaanites, but Abraham thought it would be better to marry from among his people than to marry someone who doesn’t share the same spiritual culture with them and try to change them later.

In Genesis 28:1, Isaac also followed the same line of action.

So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him.

***Then he commanded him: “Do not marry a
Canaanite woman.***

Desiring to marry someone of the same spiritual culture as you are the number one rule of Christian marriage. You don't have to be in the same denomination per se, but your spiritual inclinations should lean towards the same road.

As I always say, don't fall into the temptation of saying that you will convert someone when you marry them. It's very risky to think that way because you can't.

2. Vision and purpose

The person you want to marry, what is their vision and purpose for life?

Can you relate to it?

Where are they going?

What kind of business or job are they planning on doing?

How many kids do they dream of having?

Is their primary direction in life in tandem with the things you think and believe about your life as well?

Never forget this scripture: ***“Two cannot walk together unless they agree.”***

If there is no agreement with what you see inside yourself and what they are always talking about becoming or doing with their lives, then find another person.

3. Life values and principles

What are the core values and beliefs this person is basing life on? What is this person's view about women and men, divorce, cheating, and others? What do they think about money management, social media, telling lies, etc.?

If the person you want to marry believes that women don't need to work or that women must give their money to their husbands to manage, then ask yourself if this is right with you.

A person's core beliefs are their ways of viewing and interpreting issues and subjects of life.

If you don't understand the values and beliefs of the person you marry, you will have trouble getting along. So, find out before you commit.

When you know your partner's core values on serious life issues, it will better position you to know how to respond or the prayers you will be praying.

4. Teachability

This is perhaps the single most important rule in selecting a partner. Someone with a teachable spirit will go far. Someone always pursuing knowledge, always reading, always attending

seminars, always looking for new things to learn will make a great partner. A know-it-all kind of person is dangerous to marry.

5. Closest friends

A person's closest friends are a clue of the type of person you're dealing with. One may claim heaven and earth but watch for the close friends. That's the kind of person they are.

A young man dated a lady whose closest friends believed that men must be handled with hard hands. Of course, the marriage failed because the lady always wanted to put the man in her trouser.

As much as you can, try to know and understand the kind of friends that your potential spouse keeps.

6. Attitude to work

Manna does not fall from the sky. Money is not a result of only prayer and miracles. So, we highly advise against a person who believes that some miracle will happen and make them rich.

We're not talking about how buoyant or not this person is at the moment, but the attitude this person has towards work.

Do they believe in hard work, or do they believe more in sudden hits? Continue with someone who believes in hard work even if they are broke at the moment. Attitude to work is critical.

7. Past Relationships

What happened to this person's past relationships, if any? How did it happen? If this person has divorced carelessly in the past, there's no guarantee it won't happen again. History always repeats itself. But find out precisely what happened, not only from them. Find out yourself.

How did they break up with their ex?

While I admit it is difficult to find out some of these things, the truth is that you will know if you date with your senses intact.

8. Background

Whether knowingly or unknowingly, we reproduce 70-90% of what we learn from our parents or guardians. It's called modeling.

One can marry someone irrespective of their background, but we must consider our potential spouse's background. This will prepare us to pray well or know how to respond to specific issues when they manifest.

Your partner's background will affect how they see things.

If your potential spouse is coming from a broken home, it will affect their complex. If they come from very harsh and unloved environments, they will have some kind of '*odeshi*' mentality.

Backgrounds are potent influences. At least, know the background of the person you want to marry.

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In conclusion, as you can see, the above conditions have nothing to do with a person's physical looks. We believe that everyone is fearfully and wonderfully made.

Good looks are important, but that's the least of things to consider. Carry your sense with you in dating. If you marry someone based on looks only, what happens if the looks change tomorrow?

Lesson 4

Is This the Right Person?

“A wife or husband is one who will share with you in your joy and pain for life.”

In your marriage journey, you will ask the question many times, ‘Is this the right person? How do I know this is the right person? Who should I marry between these two?’

On the surface, it might look like there’s no sure answer. But there are. Here are a few checks to do.

1. Ease When Around the Person

One of the most important feelings to look for when evaluating if a partner is right is comfort. If you have a sense of ease, peace, and confidence in being with this person, then it’s a good sign. On the other hand, if you’re often on edge, afraid, worried, always expecting a fight, feeling neglected, then it’s a red flag. That’s your soul and body telling you to be careful.

Wait. This doesn't mean you won't have a few arguments here and there. You will. But overall, when compared and contrasted, you will often feel relaxed with this person.

2. Feeling Free

It's also a good sign when you have this feeling of freedom whenever you're around him or her. You feel free to say what's on your mind, bring up complex topics, and express yourself without expecting a fight and judgment. If the reverse is the case, then it's a bad signal.

3. Empathy

Everyone has low moments, either when they are sick, unhappy with work, bad moods, or close off because of a situation. A promising sign that someone is suitable for you is when they show genuine concern when you're going through tough times. They're there for you spiritually, physically, and otherwise.

4. Shared Values

Opposites indeed attract, but there should be some values you and the person you want to marry share. Do you share similar moral values and views? Do you have similar beliefs on some issues?

For instance, if you were raised to think that women should be listened to, does your partner think the same? Or is he of the opinion that women should never talk when men are talking?

What do they believe about telling lies, adultery, divorce, and cheating? And what do you believe about these issues?

If you discover that you and the person you want to marry share many similar beliefs and values, then you're on the right track.

5. Fight as Friends Vs. Fight as Enemies

Disagreements will always crop up in every relationship. But the question is, do you often disagree as friends or disagree as enemies?

When friends fight, they learn from their disagreements, know each other's boundaries, get back together, and form a stronger bond. But when enemies fight, they fight to destroy themselves.

If your disagreements always tend to destroying one another, run. What you have is hate, not love.

Relationships fail when partners view each other as enemies during fights instead of friends. Friends correct each other; enemies destroy each other.

So, when you argue, do both of you find yourselves in a destructive mood or corrective mood?

If you're a good match, you'll argue, but it never gets brutal. And more importantly, you always come out stronger and better, knowing what and what not to do to cross each other's boundaries.

6. Loyal to You

Loyalty here means commitment. This person you're dating and thinking of marriage with, are they committed to the relationship? Do they invest their time in it?

One way to gauge commitment in a relationship is communication. If they missed your call, what do they do? If you send a message, do you get a reply? Or do you always have this feeling that you're forcing things on this person?

It's a bad sign when you're the one making all the calls, sending all the messages, and pushing to have communication, and your partner is not putting in the same effort. Their mind is elsewhere, and they're keeping you as an alternative.

A young lady said to me, "Sir, my guy wants to marry someone else, but the lady is not agreeing, so he told me to wait. If it doesn't work out with the other lady, he will marry me. What do I do? I truly love him."

You already know my answer to that.

7. Believes in Your Vision

What is your vision for life? Have you known it?

I always counsel young people who don't know exactly where they are going in life not to date.

The first thing to do with your life is to know your direction and purpose in life. When you date and share your vision, does your partner believe in your vision and encourage it? If you're not excited to share your life vision with them, they are not the right ones. But if there's some sort of excitement and encouragement towards your dream and vision, then you're on the right track.

8. Managed Doubt

There are times that doubts will come up in a relationship. It's either you're the one doubting your partner, or you're the one being doubted. But how these times are managed is important for you to know if you are on the right track or not.

When doubts come and go, then it's under control. But when they stick, and there's too much questioning, it's a sign of deeper problems in the relationship. Trust your instincts and take a closer look to figure out why this is so. Discuss it and be sure you deal with that.

9. Mutual Respect

You must have respect for the person you want to marry, and the person must also have respect for you. If, on your own, you're struggling with respecting this person, then leave the relationship on time. And if you're also constantly disrespected, that's a bad sign.

There are many signs of disrespect, such as constant yelling, name-calling, persistent lying, flirting with others, and so on. You won't have to deal with any of these things in a safe, secure, and healthy relationship.

10. Understanding When Apart

It's easy to say things like, "I can't stay without seeing him or her. I can't survive your absence."

Well, be aware that you will not always be together 24/7 when you marry. There are times that work, travel, or other things may keep you apart for some time. If you and your potential spouse feel very insecure when you're far from one another, it calls for serious discussion.

If you're both cool with spending time apart and do so without it feeling like it's a big deal, it shows you have a good level of trust and respect for each other. And you both are good to go.

11. Willing to Work on the Relationship

If there's an unforced willingness in you to make the relationship work, it's a sign you feel it's worth it.

A lot of things can make someone feel forced. Be sure you're not feeling like you must make this work because you've put in a lot of time to it or that you're getting old and needs to settle down.

And whenever you come to a point where you begin to feel it's not worth it, slow down. Talk about your fears and concerns.

12. You Just Know

Many times, there are no straight answers when it comes to whether someone is suitable for you or not. The checklists here and many others out there can provide some clarity, but the most important of it all is that green or red check in your heart.

It's a green light when you have peace, excitement, some unseen assurance, and confidence in you. It's a danger when there is fear, worry, and some unseen reluctance and pull back in you over the relationship.

The truth is that your body always tells you a lot about what's going on. The signs to proceed or not proceed are always there, but we often get carried away and ignore them.

13. Trust Your Heart

That's the summary. Trust your heart. Don't wait for a remarkable dream, vision, or prophecy to say this is the person. As you genuinely pray, somehow, you'll know this is the person or not.

Yes, your spouse will not fall from the sky. You may not have a dream or vision and hear God yelling, "Marry this person."

As a matter of fact, we advise against selecting a life partner based on dreams because the human mind is a bit tricky at times. You may have some dream about a person; it doesn't mean you must marry this person. You must consider other factors as listed above.

It is also very wrong to pray prayers like, ***"God, if this person is your will for my life, then let so, and so things happen."***

That thing may happen, but it does not mean God is the one behind it.

The place where you'll mostly know if this is the right person or not is in your heart.

Somehow, as you pray, you'll have this peace and inner assurance that you're doing the right thing.

If, on the other hand, you have an inner withdrawal, discomfort, some fears, or restlessness, then you need to be careful.

That's why prayer is essential. It will mysteriously remove the wrong people from your life and open doors for you.

14. Take It Easy

The most important decision you can make when seeking a life partner is not to be in haste. In fact, the Bible says that when we're in haste, we are not in faith (Isaiah 28:16b). Don't try to push things too quickly. A little more time can reveal some things that can save you plenty of issues later.

15. Godly Counsel

Another thing you can do to help you out is to go for Godly counsel. Talk to someone older than you in age, experience, and spirituality, someone who will not pamper you or try to give you a prophecy to prove their spirit-ability. This could be anyone that is more spiritually mature.

The Bible says that "for lack of guidance, a nation falls. But with many counsels, you gain victory" (Proverbs 11:4).

Don't fail for lack of counseling! Go for it. Marriage is a serious business.

16. Beware of Visions and Prophecies

I can't say this enough. We warn people against choosing who they will marry because someone gave them a prophecy or vision, or because they had some dreams. As much as dreams, visions, or other people's prophecies can provide us with some clue, our choices should not be based on them.

Learn to trust your heart - not your head, not a dream, and not a prophecy - for choosing who this person will be. One thing is certain and sure - God will guide you.

Lesson 5

Signs You're Ready or Not Ready for Marriage

Every time I talk about marriage, I get hundreds of feedbacks, especially from ladies. Most of the requests are:

- I want to settle down.
- I am tired of disappointments and delay.
- I am getting old; I need to marry asap.

Unfortunately, most of these precious sisters worried and earnestly pushing to marry are not ready for marriage.

Being ready for marriage is not about your age. You can be sixty years old but not ready, and you can be twenty years old and ready. You may have a child but not ready for marriage. Being ready is a function of what you have intentionally learned, accepted, and mapped out about the mechanics of marriage.

Here are some checklists to show you are ready for marriage or not:

What is Your Why?

We should start from here. Why do you want to get married?

For many people, their answers are:

- I want to settle down.
- I am not getting younger.
- All my mates are married.
- I need a supporter.
- My parents want me to leave their house.
- My dad/mum is talking to me offensively.
- I need someone to have sex with every day.
- I want to have my own children.

While marriage can provide these things, they are not sound reasons to want to marry.

Let's do this here. Pull up a paper right now and answer the question, "Why do I want to get married?"

Your answers will show how mature and ready you are for marriage or not.

To be on the right path, you must come to terms with why you want to get married.

- Are you looking for someone to pay your bills?
- Are you looking for a sex partner?
- Are you looking for someone to get the shame of not being married out of you?

Why do you want to get married?

Your reason for getting married should be based on the fact that you've seen the need for a companion. You've come to the point in your life where you believe that you need someone to share your life, visions, ideas, challenges, prayers, and plans with.

Are You Happy Without Marriage?

African society sells a wrong perspective that a woman is incomplete without marriage. That's why at 22, a lady is already worried about marriage. At 30, a lady feels she hasn't achieved anything if she isn't married. Even if she has the world, she won't be happy.

Well, here's the biblical truth: Marriage is not the solution to all of life's problems. It's an addition, not the only thing about life.

Society lied to you that marriage is the gateway to your happiness. And you must intentionally and wholeheartedly reject that lie. Why? Because if you've not learned to be happy without marriage, you won't indeed be happy even in marriage.

The point is, are you happy even without marriage? Do you love yourself? Are you pursuing your purpose?

Learning to love yourself, be happy, and follow your purpose are the most important first steps to loving someone else.

When you love yourself, you will be relaxed about marriage. There will not be desperation to get married. You will be busy with your life, chasing your dreams, instead of just running up and down, working yourself up because you're not married.

If this book doesn't teach you anything, let it teach you to calm down, take care of yourself, create happiness in your life, be busy with your dream and purpose, reject the lies that you must be married to be happy.

It is always in our busyness that God connects us with our partners, not in our desperation, fear, and unhappy mood swings.

Love yourself before thinking of loving someone else. If you're not happy about life and don't know how to love yourself, you may not be ready for marriage.

Are You Busy With Your Life?

Did you notice that before God gave Adam a wife, he was very busy with his work?

***God said, “It’s not good for the Man to be alone; I’ll make him a helper, a companion.”
So God formed from the dirt of the ground all the animals of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the Man to see what he would name them.***

Whatever the Man called each living creature, that was its name. The Man named the cattle, named the birds of the air, named the wild animals, but he didn’t find a suitable companion. Genesis 2:18-20 (MSG)

If you thought that naming all the animals in the world was an easy thing, then you need to think again. Adam was so busy with his task that God said, “No, this guy needs someone to help him.”

Marriage is not to be seen as a means of escaping from single life, but a means of fulfilling God’s assignment for your life.

Mandy Hale, the author of the book, Beautiful Uncertainty, said, ***“Hope for love, pray for love, wish for love, dream for love...but don’t put your life on hold waiting for love.”***

She’s right.

Get busy with your work. Have a life. Don’t just stay at home waiting to get married. Advance your studies, learn some skills,

start a business. Whatever will add value to your life, get busy with it. In your ***busyness***, your spouse will be revealed.

Are You Ready to Lose Your Freedom?

Marriage is about losing your freedom.

Are you ready for that?

Yes, marriage is a good thing. It's a beautiful opportunity and a design by God for our enjoyment and all that. But it comes with some hard realities.

Are you ready to carry another person's problems, challenges, and issues as though they are yours? Are you ready to lose some of your freedom because of someone else's position and opinions? Are you ready to adjust your programs and inconvenience yourself to accommodate another person?

That's what marriage is.

We all want to get married to be happy, which is okay. But an essential requirement for a successful marriage is putting the other person's welfare and happiness ahead of yours, doing everything you can to make the other person happy.

Are you sure you are internally ready to adjust your lifestyle because of another person in your life? Answer that question, and you'll know whether you are ready or not.

Wedding is Different from Marriage

There's a difference between a wedding and marriage. Wedding is one day's event and celebration; marriage is living with and accepting someone else every day of your life, all your life.

For many young people, what inspires their desire to get married is glamorous wedding events and pictures they see on timelines and magazines.

You're not ready for marriage if all you're thinking about is how to have a great wedding.

Think beyond the wedding. Imagine life with another person, every day of your life – living together, submitting to them, trying to make them happy. That's what marriage is all about.

Marriage is Not Sex

Yes, sex is part of marriage. But marriage is not about sex.

Many young people think that all married people do is having sex. So, they want to marry to have permission to have as much sex as they want. I used to think like that too.

But after 11 years in marriage, I can tell you that marriage is not just about sex. It's about trying to help another person become better than they were when you met them.

If all your reason to want marriage is the sex part, then get a hold of yourself and rethink. You're not ready for marriage.

Are You Ready to Say Goodbye World?

Marriage means you're no longer available. No more random chats or side talks. No more secret messaging on Facebook, Instagram, or Snapchat. No more locking of the phone because you don't want someone to read some stuff there. You're ready to focus on one person for life.

Have you thought about that and accepted that reality?

Are You Ready to Stay?

When dating, you can threaten to leave with the slightest argument. But when married, it's not like that. You'll have difficult discussions with your significant other and still be expected to be happy after a few minutes. That's maturity.

You're ready if you've learned how to have conflicts without running away or letting them ruin your day. Instead, you work through it and come to a definite resolution.

Have you decided you would stay and try to make it work and not want to run at the smallest conflicting discussion?

Do You Find It Easy to Say, “I’m Sorry?”

Many years ago, the Lord showed me that if we learned to easily say, “Thank you,” and “I am sorry,” it would save many lives. Of course, I didn’t understand the depth of that revelation until I got married.

‘Thank you’ and ‘I am sorry’ are two very easy phrases, but they have great healing and restoration powers. I sometimes jokingly say in church, “if you want to have a happy home, be willing to say ***I am sorry*** even when you don’t know why.” Of course, that’s not to say, “*take it all without any complaints.*” But if you’ve never learned how to apologize without problems, then you are not ready for marriage.

Do You Have a Means of Income?

I wish I can assure you that your partner will provide for all your financial needs, so you don’t have to work. But that would be lying to you. Marriage is not a ticket to moving all your financial needs to someone else. You need to have a means of income or at least marketable skills that you can use to earn money. Don’t think of marriage without first settling this subject.

Every day, I get messages like, “Sir, he said I am a liability. What can I do?”

My advice to ladies has always been: Study, study, study. Get some degrees if you can. Don't stylishly abandon your life waiting for a man to come and marry you. While waiting, never stop improving yourself.

If you don't have the financial wherewithal to further your studies while waiting for marriage, learn some new skills every year. Commit to personal development, build a skillset, and improve your value perception.

Get a job, start a business or some side hustles. Always attend seminars on business and personal development. Earn money and save money. The more value people perceive you have, the better chances you have to be proposed to.

Are You Taking Care of Your Body?

We are all created in the image of God, but we must also care for that image, which is the sum total of our spirit, soul, and body. Every part of that image needs special attention.

Don't just secretly wish to marry a good-looking person when you don't also take care of yourself. Become the type of person you wish to attract into your life.

Taking Responsibility

Marriage is all about responsibility. Bills will increase. Offenses will increase. So, are you ready to face challenges and overcome them without blaming anyone? Are you prepared to get out there and work very hard to support your spouse? Are you willing to forget about your happiness and work for the happiness of someone else?

Are you ready?

That's basically what marriage is all about...

Responsibility.

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. (Gen 2:24)

Leaving father and mother here doesn't mean to disown your parents or stop caring for them. It means creating your own life, facing your challenges, taking your own decisions without parental influence, and winning your battles.

Are You Ready to Accept Your Bible Role?

Marital roles are clearly defined in scripture. Husbands have roles to play, and wives have roles to play. The man is to love the wife as

Christ loved the Church and was willing to die for her. It was after Christ died for the Church that he became her head. The woman also must be prepared to submit to and obey her husband.

You, wives, must submit to your husbands' leadership in the same way you submit to the Lord.

For a husband is in charge of his wife in the same way Christ is in charge of his body the Church. (He gave his very life to take care of it and be its Savior!)

So you wives must willingly obey your husbands in everything, just as the Church obeys Christ.

And you husbands, show the same kind of love to your wives as Christ showed to the Church when he died for her, to make her holy and clean, washed by baptism and God's Word; so that he could give her to himself as a glorious Church without a single spot or wrinkle or any other blemish, being holy and without a single fault.

***That is how husbands should treat their
wives, loving them as parts of themselves.
For since a man and his wife are now one, a
man is really doing himself a favor and
loving himself when he loves his wife!***

***No one hates his own body but lovingly
cares for it, just as Christ cares for his body,
the Church, of which we are parts. –***

Ephesians 5:22-30 (TLB)

Yes, our present culture hates to talk about these Biblical responsibilities. We're creating different rules other than what God created for marriage. Unfortunately, our standards are not working. The maker of marriage has designed the rules for running the institution. Read this scripture again and again. That's the summary of the roles of a Godly couple. Are you ready to accept that?

Lesson 6

Lust or Love: Signs that What You Call Love May Be Lust

LUST is an intense physical attraction and desire for your partner due to a strong sexual connection. LOVE is attraction and affection that goes beyond what meets the eyes. Love goes beyond physical attraction and sex.

Sometimes lust can make you blind, and you think that what you're feeling is real love. Here are eight tips to help you tell if you're in lust and not love...

1. No Meaningful Conversations

When you're in LOVE, and truly in love, you are comfortable with your partner and all that they are. Which means you are also comfortable talking about most things with them. When it is LUST, meaningful conversations are lacking.

2. More Romance and Sex Talks

When you spend virtually all your time with each other always talking about your physical appearance or having sex, you're in lust, not in love.

3. No Plans for the Future

You discuss how much you want each other. You talk about the next date and what you want. But what you find hard doing, in fact, you can't imagine doing it, is talking about how the future will be for you both—nothing like plans for marriage, children, joint accounts, etc.

4. No Real Dates

One indication that the two of you are just LUST FRIENDS and not LOVE FRIENDS is that you don't really go out on real dates at all. Both of you are either visiting each other, and it mostly ends up with sex talks.

Dates are essential in a real relationship, and it doesn't always have to be about sex. Dates allow two individuals to really know about each other's lives, history, plans, and others. Real dates transcend just a mere physical attraction.

5. You Don't Connect Your Social Circles

When you have been together for some time, yet you haven't made any efforts to connect your social circles, something is not right. In an ideal relationship situation, you want the most important people in your life to know the important people in the other person's life. If you both are not making an effort to let your worlds know about each other, then your relationship is a 'LUSTFUL' relationship.

6. More Sensual Thoughts

Whenever the two of you ever think about one another, it's always done in a somewhat "dirty" or sensual way. You rarely think about how smart, funny, caring, or clever they might be. It's mostly sexual thoughts, like how great they are in bed or how their chest is. You focus merely on all of the physical aspects of your partner but never on their potentials. That's lust.

7. Keeping Lots of Secrets

You don't feel the need to communicate everything to each other. You are okay with keeping the other in the dark because neither of you feels entitled to the other person's news or information. Watch it; you may be in lust, not love. True love does not keep secrets from the other partner.

In conclusion, while it may be difficult to distinguish between lust and love, especially in the earlier stages of the relationship, I believe these signs will point you in the right direction.

Always Remember

Sometimes lust can make you blind, and you think that what you're feeling is real love. Better watch it.

Lesson 7

Finding Love on Social Media: 8 Steps to Improve Your Opportunity

Today, social media is playing a major role in people's lives and finding love is one of them. If you're single, praying and searching, you certainly can't ignore the power of social media.

However, like all things good, there's also the negative side of it all. But our focus today is finding love on Facebook. Here are eight suggestions to help give you direction.

Reintroduce Yourself

There's a common cliché that says, ***dress the way you want to be addressed***. It's a powerful psychological reality.

Check your profile. What do you post on your social media profiles? What pictures do you share?

If you want to improve your chances of finding lasting love on social media, portray yourself as one with value. Don't only post

pictures. Share useful things, stories, writeups, ideas, and so on. Share things that improve your value perception.

The way you dress, that is, what you share, will determine the type of people you're going to attract.

Be Courteous and Professional in Chatting

If someone chats you up and you want to reply, be courteous and reply with high-level professionalism. Don't be pushy. Sound like a person with a vision for their life.

Think Before You Feel

Before you start catching feelings, find out if, indeed, the person is who you feel they are. Don't use the phrase “***I love you***” unnecessarily. It sends powerful signals to the hearer, even if you don't mean it.

See Before You Believe

Not everyone is truthful and genuine about who they say they are on social media. Please don't fall into the trap of believing everything you read without seeing it. Don't develop intimate feelings or share intimate contents right away, just because of chats you're having with someone or because of their profile photo.

Before falling head over heels, make sure you get to know the real person first. There is nothing wrong with asking questions and getting to know who the person is in real life. Take your time to build a friendship first.

Don't Ignore Red Flags

As they say, "follow your heart." But I'd add, "take your brain with you too." Use common sense and always be on the lookout for your safety.

If someone starts asking for money right away or asking for your nude pics, then they're not your potential spouse. Take things slow and easy. Be friends first and get to know the person before getting serious. You have to be vigilant and careful, making sure that who you think is the one is actually who they say they are.

And if you are planning to meet anyone in real life for the first time, always meet in a public place and ensure the situation and environment are safe.

Don't Pretend

Being honest is vital if you want to build trust and authentic relationships with people beyond social media. If someone is falling in love with you and you do not feel the same way, be

honest and firm. Tell them exactly how you feel. Never play with anyone's feelings, and never pretend to be someone you're not.

Pray, Pray, Pray

Prayer is you acknowledging that marriage is God's idea and not yours. When you sincerely pray, events and circumstances will be arranged for your protection. God wants you to connect, get married and live a happy life. He wants it more than you do. Carry Him along.

Display Positivity

Don't display negative energy on social media. If you're praying and searching, avoid unnecessary conflict posts. People read comments and take things seriously, even if you are joking.

If you are constantly fighting in online comments, people will check out your profile and make conclusions about you even when you don't mean them. If you are also a strong supporter of online feminism, you will send a very negative signal and energy out.

I am all for equal rights for women, but the way it is done by ladies who couldn't keep their relationships online sends nasty signals. If you are single, praying and searching, approach such discussions online with a balance, value, and wisdom.

The truth about love is you never know when it's going to happen. When you consistently give off a vibe that turns people off from your profile, you might be the one delaying God's angel on your way.

In conclusion, there are many incredible people on social media, just like many evil-minded fellows. Many have found love on social media, got married and are waxing strong. You, too, may find yours on social media. Be wise, positive, and use social media to increase your value perception.

Always Remember

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SECTION 2

Prayers for Marriage Breakthrough

1

How to Pray for a Spouse

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. - Prov 3:5-8

If you forget everything, don't forget this: *Marriage is God's plan. Not ours.*

When we genuinely pray for our marriages, what we are doing is saying,

"Lord, I understand that marriage is Your making. I confess that I cannot be successful in it by my ideas. Help me in the journey."

When we pray, we are trusting God and acknowledging Him to direct us. We recognize that we can of our selves do nothing. We need God's help.

Prayer is making God the pilot of the journey. If God is the pilot, you will arrive at your destination no matter how rough the road is.

Here's the thing. If you start praying for your marriage, your perceptions and understanding of marriage will drastically improve. You'll begin to realize that many things you read on social media and dating websites about marriage are not an accurate representation of marriage. You'll be amazed how your "this-is-what-I-want-and-how-I-want-it-to-be" approach will be adjusted to God's will. Simply put, you'll be changed inside out.

Prayer is the best way to turn your marriage over to God and make Him the navigator of the journey. And when He is in control, we can be sure that we'll be safe no matter what happens. He says:

When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up—the flames will not consume you. - Isaiah 43:2

In essence, when you come to times of danger, because God is with you, you will be delivered. Somehow, you'll find a way.

Getting Started

There are many prayer points in this book arranged under different headings, spread across twenty-one days. Take a prayer for each day until twenty-one days. When you're done, come back and start afresh. Why?

Praying to find a spouse is not a one-day thing. That means you don't just pray today, and that's it. You need to spend many days, even weeks or months, as you pray.

As much as possible, you must let God take away your anxiety and restlessness to get married. The Bible says that as we pray in line with God's will, God hears and answers us.

You need to believe that God is working out things for your good. He is sending the right person your way, and you'll know it when you see the person.

2

How to Pray With This Book

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? – Isaiah 58:6

Get ready for the chains of injustice against your life and marriage to be destroyed; the yokes of heaviness in you will be loosed; you will be set free from the oppression of the devil, and the destiny of your marriage will manifest.

As the title of this book says, pray with this book over twenty-one days.

In the week that we had this program on my FB daily broadcast, the power of God was released in the lives of hundreds of followers. We had great testimonies and divine interventions that produced connections, open doors, deliverances, and new relationships.

As you pray, expect strange interventions and miracles.

I am praying with you in agreement, and I am convinced that your story will change. You will encounter God's power that will change your life and command the manifestation of your marriage.

Fast With Prayer

Declare a twenty-one-day fasting to wait on the Lord for your marriage situation. This is very important. It's the heart of this book. Follow the prayers one day each. That means, don't rush and read everything one day and conclude. Each day has its prayers and instructions. Follow it accordingly.

Ensure to read all scriptures, prayers, and declarations as provided. But as you pray, yield to the Holy Spirit, listen to your heart, and pray beyond the prayer words. That is, allow your mouth to also declare the prayer words manufactured in your heart.

What kind of fasting should you do?

Whatever type of fasting you chose to do is okay. Skipping dinner is a helpful fast that can help you if you are a very busy person. This means you go about your business in the day and then skip dinner to seek the Lord in the nights.

Whether it is 6-12:00noon, 6-3 PM, 6 PM-6 AM that you decide to do, it's okay. What is important is that you realize the need to humble yourself before the Lord and pray.

Some unrevealed enemies are bent on frustrating your life and making sure you go through pain and shame. But as we humble ourselves, we receive strength and direction to resist these coordinated forces of wickedness and obtain God's blessings designed for our lives.

Best Time to Pray

Pray these prayers in the night, anytime from 12:00 midnight to 3:00 AM. You may also pray the prayers before going to bed, wake up in the middle of the night and pray, and pray in the morning before you start the day.

Take Note

Write down every dream, idea, thought, or direction you receive during prayer and fasting and set out to do them. You can also share your dreams with me.

Don't Stop

Finally, I have always taught that we should not stop praying until the mountains move. So, don't stop these prayers after only

twenty-one days. The battle against your marriage is real and severe. Come back again and again and use this book to pray. And don't forget: listen to God's Spirit as you pray. He will show you things you don't know, and suddenly, everything will change.

Prayer Day 1

Marriage is God's Idea

Today, cast your mind on the scriptures and think about the fact that God is the founder of marriage. Think about the fact that it is man that diminishes marriage, not God. God does not want marriages to fail.

Read and meditate on these scriptures and spend time in prayers, reminding yourself that God is the maker of marriage, not your parents or your town's people.

Scriptures

1. Genesis 1:27-28: So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'

2. Ecclesiastes 4:9: Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can

help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? ...

3. Genesis 2:24: Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

4. Mark 10:9: Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.

5. Ephesians 5:25-33: Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having...

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the institution of marriage. I acknowledge that marriage is Your making and not that of man.

O Lord, as I seek You for guidance and direction for a life partner, I am convinced that You will make a way for me. I know You will guide me. So, Lord, I thank You in advance, in Jesus name.

It is written in Proverbs 16:9 that a man may plan his way, but God will direct his paths. Thank You, Lord, because I know that

*You will direct my path in marriage. I will not miss my way, in
Jesus name.*

*Today, I declare before heaven and earth that God made
marriage for good, not for bad.*

Marriage is not my idea; it is not the idea of any man or woman.

God instituted marriage to entrench His purpose on the earth.

*This I state from the bottom of my heart, and will never forget to
remember, in Jesus name.*

*O Lord, I wholeheartedly declare my total submission to Your
plans for marriage. Through the Holy Spirit, Lord, teach me how
to make myself ready and attract the partner for my life, in
Jesus name.*

*I declare, Lord, that my marriage will be a blessing, in Jesus
name, I pray.*

Amen.

Prayer Day 2

Uproot Negativity; Be Positive

Today, remind yourself that you will not be afraid of marriage failure. Ask God to remove all forms of fear from your heart.

Yes, there are so many negative stories out there about marriage, but your marriage will be different.

Napoleon Hill, in his book, *Think and Grow Rich*, said, “Our brains become magnetized with the dominating thoughts which hold in our mind and, by means which no man is familiar, these magnets attract to us the forces, the people, the circumstance of life which harmonize with the nature of our dominating thought.”

That’s just affirming the Bible statement that “*as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he*” (Proverbs 23:7).

If a person continues to harbor the fear of losing love, or that their marriage will fail, or that marriage is not worth it, they will unsuspectingly start doing things that will eventually make that fear become a reality. So today, come against this fear and negativity and assure yourself that your marriage will succeed.

The Medicine for Fear/Negativity

It's possible that a few times fear will grip your heart regarding marriage. But here's what you can do: spend time speaking to yourself. As you consistently talk to yourself with God's words, these fears and worries will leave, and you'll have the energy to face what's happening and receive grace to walk into God's open door for your life.

For example, if you unintentionally come across a sad story of a marriage crisis and it begins to get you worried, start speaking to yourself. You can say to yourself:

“Daniel (put your name), don’t worry, you will make it. God is with you. He cannot disappoint you. He is seriously at work in your life. Be rest assured that your marriage will succeed. Relax, and don’t fear what the world fears.”

As you speak to yourself, you'll replace your fears with faith, confidence, and divine support. The Holy Spirit takes over and reassures your spirit that all will be well.

Scriptures and Prayers

There is a short prayer after each scripture. Use these prayers to pray these promises into your heart and receive deliverance from fear and assure yourself that your marriage will work out great.

Declaration 1: God Will Take Care of My Marriage

Matthew 6:25-34 (TLB) - *Don't worry about things—food, drink, and clothes. For you already have life and a body—and they are far more important than what to eat and wear. Look at the birds! They don't worry about what to eat—they don't need to sow or reap or store up food—for your heavenly Father feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than they are.*

Will all your worries add a single moment to your life?
And why worry about your clothes? Look at the field lilies! They don't worry about theirs. Yet King Solomon in all his glory was not clothed as beautifully as they. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won't he more surely care for you, O men of little faith?

So don't worry at all about having enough food and clothing. Why be like the heathen? For they take pride in all these things and are deeply concerned about them. But your heavenly Father already knows perfectly well that you need them, ³³and he will give them to you if you give him first place in your life and live as he wants you to.

“So don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time.

Pray

Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I refuse to worry about food, drink, clothes, and marriage from this day forward. And I give You praise for the gift of life and health. As long as I have life, health and continue to follow You, I know You will always provide for me and that I will connect with my spouse, in Jesus name.

Father, forgive me wherever I have allowed fear and negativity to becloud my spirit regarding marriage. Today, Lord, I declare that my marriage will be different. It will not be among the negative stories I hear.

My marriage shall end in praise, in Jesus name.

Today, O Lord, I declare that I rest in Your promise to take care of me. I know that my tomorrow is secure in You, and I know that You will bless my marriage, in Jesus name I pray.

Declaration 2: I Will Not Be Afraid

Deuteronomy 31:8 - *And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.*

Proverbs 29:25 - *The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.*

Isaiah 43:1-2 - *But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.*

Isaiah 41:10 - *Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’*

Romans 8:15 - *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”*

2 Timothy 1:7 - *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

Pray

Father, Lord, I thank You for giving me the Spirit of love, of power and of a sound mind. Thank You for giving me freedom in Christ and delivering me from the bondage of fear and panic.

Lord, I know that You are at work in my life every day; I know that You will go before me in all my ways; You will be with me; You will not leave me nor forsake me.

I, therefore, declare today that I will not be afraid of anything. I will not be afraid of not being married or failing in marriage.

Today, I declare my victory over disappointments, heartbreak, and depression.

I bind the spirit of fear of marriage failure and panic in my life and cast them out, in Jesus name.

I pull myself out of every trap I have entered due to fear and panic.

I declare that I put my trust in the Lord; therefore, I shall be safe and protected from all forms of trouble and danger.

My marriage will happen, and the glory will be to God and God alone

Prayer Day 3

Cast Your Worries On the Lord

Fear and worry are twins. Let's continue today and speak to worrying about marriage in our hearts. Read the following scriptures and pray.

Scriptures

1 Peter 5:6-7 - *Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.*

Psalms 94:19 (TLB) – *Lord, when doubts fill my mind, when my heart is in turmoil, quiet me and give me renewed hope and cheer.*

Romans 8:26-28 (TLB) – *And in the same way—by our faith—the Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we don't even know what we should pray for nor how to pray as we should, but the Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words.*

And the Father who knows all hearts knows, of course, what the Spirit is saying as he pleads for us in harmony with God's own will. And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans.

2 Corinthians 4:17 - *For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.*

Prayer

Father, Lord, I humble myself before You again and cast all my anxieties about marriage on You. I know that You care for me, and You are at work in my life, and Your plans for my marriage will come to pass, in Jesus name.

I pray today, Lord, when doubt fills my mind, when my heart is in turmoil, and I begin to fret about marriage, quiet me and give me renewed hope and joyfulness. And let Your peace which surpasses all understanding guard my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus.

Clothe me, Lord, with confidence, faith and supernatural bliss that recognizes that You are always in control, in Jesus name.

I speak to myself from now onwards to rest in the Lord and in His precious promises. He will not let me down or allow me to be brokenhearted, in Jesus name.

I speak to the demons of worry and anxiety to leave my life and never return.

I claim complete restoration in my health, finances, and family.

I claim restoration in every aspect of my life.

And I claim the manifestation of my marriage in the next (declare your faith here) days, in Jesus name.

O Lord, I have heard and read a lot of negative things happening in marriages and homes. Today, Lord, I believe and declare that this is not Your will.

I know that God ordained marriage to be a foundation for fulfilling His purpose on earth, and not the negative stories that fly around.

Today, Lord, I am surrendering to You my marriage ideas, thoughts and desires, and I pray that You will align them Your will, in the name of Jesus Christ.

It is written that “Every good gift comes from God. Every perfect gift comes from Him. Because He is the Father of light, there is no variation and shadow of turning with Him.”

I, therefore, declare that God will bring my spouse, a perfect gift from Him, to me, in Jesus name.

Amen.

Prayer Day 4

Let Go of Unrealistic Expectations

Today, pray that God will transform your mind and help you release all forms of unrealistic expectations you have about marriage.

Scriptures

Philippians 4:6-7 - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Romans 12:1-2 - I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Prayer

O Lord, by Your power, prevent me from attaching myself to anyone out of desperation. Help me not to settle for a relationship that is second best, convenient, or one that feeds my insecurities, in Jesus name.

I pray today, Lord, by fire, bring to an end every relationship in my life that is a trap, and that will cause me to waste my time from connecting with my spouse, in Jesus name."

It is written in James 1:5, "If any lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."

Lord, I now ask You for wisdom and strength to let go of any luggage of past relationships and prepare for the spouse You have chosen for me, in Jesus name.

O Lord, help me to let go of any unrealistic expectations that will set me up for disappointment. Inspire me to accept only conditions that matter to You in marriage. Uproot all forms of

false fantasies from my mind and empower my thoughts to be humble and totally trust in Your provision, in Jesus name.

Today, I speak to the strongholds of evil fantasies, insecurity, lust, selfishness, and emotionalism designed to yoke my life and bring an evil entanglement to be broken, in Jesus name.

I surrender my expectation about a marriage partner to You, Lord. Redefine my desires with Your thoughts, and help me to be comfortable with Your plans, in Jesus name, I pray.

Amen.

Prayer Day 5

Waiting Spirit

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint.” – Isa. 40:31

When we pray, we need the patience to receive God’s promises. Patience is the ability to remain in joy until the answers manifest. It is the grace to stay in God and not wander off until God sends your expectation.

As humans, we calculate things based on our timeframes. Sometimes, we look at things and say, **“God, I’m out of time.”** However, that’s not true. You’re not out of time, and God is right on time in your life.

Today, you’re going to pray for the grace to remain in joy while waiting for the manifestation of your spouse.

Read and Meditate

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 - *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

Romans 12:12 - *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

Psalms 37:7 - *Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.*

Hebrews 10:35-38 - *Therefore, do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you need endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: "For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith, but if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him."*

Prayer

Today, O Lord, I surrender myself to the work of the Holy Spirit.

I ask You gentle Spirit of the Most High God to baptize me with calmness; empower me with patience; take away any form of

haste towards marriage from me, and cause me to be joyful while waiting for God's will and revelation of my spouse.

I declare today and onwards that I refuse to fret up and down, on account of a life partner. I refuse to be envious when others are getting married because I know that we all have different destinies.

Lord, give me the grace to love with Your inspired love, tolerate, exercise myself in forgiveness from time to time, and to be humble while waiting on You.

Lord, cause me to have Your kind of joy and to continue to be kind to others as I wait for the manifestation of my spouse.

In Jesus Name, I pray.

Amen.

Prayer Day 6

Foundational Carryovers

We're all coming from a family. Whether we like it or not, our family history plays a role in our present life. When we get born again, we receive the power to prayerfully disconnect ourselves from every negative family inheritance and claim the positive ones.

For example, if you're coming from a polygamous home, or a home where parents usually fought or divorced, remarried, or where adultery was always happening, or where poverty was always a threat, you need to pray and renounce all forms of covenants, curses and negative influences that these things would have left for the children of the family.

Today, let's completely disconnect and renounce all forms of spiritual barriers against your life coming from your family line.

Read and Meditate

Galatians 3:13 - Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.

Ezekiel 18:20 - The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I ask You to show me mercy as I take steps towards marriage. May I not be a victim of my family errors, sins, and destruction, in the name of Jesus Christ.

*Father, I stand in the gap for my family line today and ask for forgiveness from all forms of evil covenants and sins (**adultery, fights, spiritism, idolatry**) that has brought different spiritual limitations on the family members. Please Lord, let Your mercy prevail over my family today, in Jesus name.*

Father, I know that these sins have opened doors for demons to operate in the family. But right now, Lord, by the Blood of Jesus

Christ, I receive forgiveness for my family and at this moment, close all the doors through which demons are operating against my family and me, in Jesus name.

I plead the Blood of Jesus Christ over my life and my family lineage. I bind any demon operating against my family and me due to past parental sins and errors. I command these demons to leave today and go back to the abyss, in Jesus name.

I command any spiritual stronghold or negative character inherited from my family line to be destroyed today, in Jesus name.

Every spirit of confusion, delay, poverty, fear, affliction, and marital crisis, which has entered my family line and has been working against my family and me, I bind and cast you all into the abyss in, Jesus name.

Today, I overthrow every stronghold of the enemy in my life and family. I command every wicked strong man or woman enforcing evil agreements and decisions from my family

generations against my life to receive fire and pack out of my family, in Jesus name.

I break every yoke of delay and disappointment in marriage. I decree total healing and restoration from any form of affliction in my life and family, coming from my family lineage, in Jesus name.

Every generational curse and covenant that will stand against my marriage, be destroyed today, in Jesus name.

Every vow, promise, or oath designed to fight and obstruct my marriage, I renounce you all this moment.

I renounce and bind every spirit of polygamy, divorce, immorality, and adultery. I cast these spirits out of my family and lineage and send them to the abyss. I decree that these sins will not manifest in my life and family, in Jesus name.

O Lord, I release my spouse from any witchcraft coven and satanic bondage right now. I command my spouse to be set free from any form of generational curse or covenant blinding and

hindering them from locating and connecting with me, in Jesus name.

Today, I declare that “because I am in Christ, I am a new creation. I am no longer under generational curses, for I am now under a new covenant established with the Blood of Jesus Christ. I am redeemed from all curses. I am walking in the blessings of God every day, in Jesus name.”

Prayer 7

Unseen Spiritual Barriers

For we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again, wanted to come, but Satan hindered us. – 1Thess 2:18

In this passage, Paul shows us that we can be hindered by satan. He dreamt and desired to visit the Thessalonians but was hindered by satan. Not God.

That satan can hinder or create barriers for people towards their desires, and earnest requests is not a lie. And if you don't rise and speak against these hindrances, they will continue to thrive. Today, stand in authority in the name of Jesus Christ and pray against spiritual hindrances wrestling against the process of your marriage.

Read and Meditate

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 - *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.*

Luke 10:19 - *Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

Ephesians 6:10-18 -

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet

with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; always praying with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

James 4:7 - *Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

Romans 8:31 - *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

1 John 4:4 - *You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

Isaiah 54:15, 17 - *They shall surely gather, but not because of Me. Whoever gathers against you shall fall for your sake. No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me,” Says the Lord.*

Prayer

Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I thank You for giving me the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt me. Thank You that whatever I bind here on earth is bound in heaven, and whatever I loose is loosed in heaven.

Today, O Lord, I take my stand in Christ and put on the whole armor of God. I gird my waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sandals of the Gospel of Christ.

I arise this day and begin to quench all the fiery darts of the enemy against my life and marriage.

Today, I declare judgment over all principalities and powers, the rulers of the darkness of this age, and the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

I arrest and sentence every malicious activity against my marriage and home to the abyss, in the name of Jesus.

I declare a release of divine wind to trace any evil meeting that has taken place or will take place against my marriage, my family and future, and scatter them in the name of Jesus Christ.

Because God is with me, nothing and no one can withstand me.

May the plans of all those who think evil against me and my marriage be frustrated. May their evil wishes be turned against them.

I arrest every thought and action from this day forward to begin to work for my favor, in Jesus name.

I command every obstacle and hindrance to my marriage to be removed entirely today and forever, in Jesus name

In the name of Jesus Christ,

I bind every demonic watcher and monitoring spirits assigned to control the process of my marriage.

I cancel every near miracle situation. Everything will work out beyond expectations and for my good.

I break every yoke of failure and premature death in marriage.

I cancel every arranged disaster during my marriage.

I twist and send back to senders every evil arrow shot against my marriage, before, during, or after marriage.

I declare that there will be no adversity in my marriage and home.

In Jesus name.

I declare today in the name of Jesus Christ that:

- *My marriage will command favors and blessings from God.*
- *My marriage will open new doors of prosperity and favors for me and everyone connected to me.*
- *My marriage will not inherit evil from either family.*
- *My businesses, job or ministry, will not downsize after marriage.*
- *My marriage will be a success story.*
- *My in-laws will be a blessing to me.*
- *Money will be provided for my marriage.*
- *The process of my marriage will be safe and peaceful.*

In the name of Jesus

Prayer Day 8

Pray for Your Spouse

Today, pray specific and special prayers for the spouse God is bringing into your life. Disconnect them from whatever is keeping them from showing forth. Pray for their protection and financial breakthrough.

Scripture

Psalm 91

Prayer

Today, O Lord, I place a demand on psalm 91 and declare divine protection for my future life partner. May their going out and coming in be blessed and protected from the evil one, in Jesus name.

I decree that my potential spouse will not be a victim of strange women and strange men. I disconnect them from every unholy relationship currently keeping them from connecting with me.

*I come against strange sickness, attacks, and premature death,
and I cancel every spiritually programmed disaster against their
lives and my marriage, in Jesus name.*

*Today, O Lord, I pray that there will be a financial open door for
my spouse-to-be. Cause them to start experiencing great open
doors, even as Your power supernaturally brings them into my
life, in Jesus name.*

*I commit my spouse to You, Lord. Please protect and clothe
.....with Your love, mercy, and fire throughout the process of
marriage, and even in our new home. And may Your presence go
with us all the way, in Jesus' name.*

*Father, I pray that Your spirit will make me the right person for
my spouse. Show me the things I say or do that are wrong,
things that hinder my marital breakthrough.*

*Uproot from me every negative mindset, idea, emotion, and
attitude that scares away my spouse, physically and spiritually,
in Jesus name.*

Today, I put to an end the consequences of bad words against my marriage. I declare God's light and favor upon my life and decree that by supernatural intervention, I will attract and connect with my spouse, in Jesus name.

Prayer Day 9

Direction and Guidance

“I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life; I will advise you and watch your progress. 9 Don’t be like a senseless horse or mule that has to have a bit in its mouth to keep it in line!” - Psalm 32:8-9

The most important thing you need as you seek a life partner is a clear direction to make the right choice and stick with it. No, God won’t write the person’s name in the sky, or tattoo it on your forehead, or shout it to you in the dream. But as you pray, and the time is right, He’ll open doors after He closes a few others first. He’ll bring discussions, information, and opportunities your way. He’ll give you the inner witness in your heart that He confirms in other ways.

His methods are unlimited, but one thing is sure: He will guide you.

Read and Meditate

Isaiah 30:21 - *Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.*

Proverbs 16:9 - *A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.*

Psalms 32:8-9 - *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you.*

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, I trust You with all my heart. I don't want to rely on my own understanding. I commit myself to acknowledge You in all my ways, and I'm trusting You to make my paths straight as I expect a life partner, in Jesus name.

Father Lord, I claim Your promise to instruct me, and to teach me in the way I should go, and to counsel me with Your eye upon me. Thank You for Your promise of guidance, in Jesus name.

Lord, You do know that all my ways seem so right in my eyes. That's right, Lord. Most times, I'm hardheaded and do things my way. I have trouble seeing my own errors. Please, Lord, I surrender to You this day and ask You to purge my motive of all forms of lust and fill my mind with Your holy thoughts, even as I seek for a life partner, in Jesus name.

*Lord Jesus Christ, in this matter of a life partner, I pray as You prayed while on earth: **"I seek not My own will but the will of Him who sent me. Lord, I want what You want for me, and I trust You to reveal that to me, as I wait on Thee,"** in Jesus name.*

Lord, You said, if I ask, that I'll receive, if I seek, I'll find, and if I knock, the door will be opened for me. I am now asking You for guidance, seeking Your will, and tapping on Your door. Lord, cause me to receive, find and let the door be opened for me, in Jesus name.

Father, You said that You would teach the humble in Your way and lead them to what is right. You're the God of my salvation.

Make me know Your ways; teach me Your paths and lead me in Your truth.

O Lord, reveal my spouse to me. Order my steps to meet the person You have ordained for me, and whenever I see the person, Lord, empower me to recognize it, in Jesus name.

Father, there are many desires in my heart. However, I surrender all to You and let You lead me. Even when I am unknowingly planning my own ways, may Your mercy prevail and direct my paths, in Jesus name.

Today, I frustrate every power that will hinder or stop me from recognizing and marrying my God-ordained spouse. Every manipulative and deceptive spirit projected against me in marriage, I come against you this day. I bind you and cast you into the abyss in Jesus name.

O Lord, expose every hidden thing that will enable me to make the right choice in my relationships. I bind every spirit of error and decree that my past mistakes will not stand against me. I bind the spirit of fear, doubt, pride, and inferiority complex, in Jesus name.

I decree today that I will not be deceived by evil counselors, deceptive prophecies, dreams, and visions.

When I see my spouse, Lord, cause me to have peace in my heart and give me confirmations that will make me confident that this is the path You are leading me.

I declare that my marriage will glorify God in Jesus name.

Prayer Day 10: Wisdom

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. – Prov. 2:6

Wisdom is recognizing and doing what you ought to do in order to get the right results. Wisdom means that while you pray, you also do your part. It is prayer with faith and wisdom that leads to breakthrough. Today, pray that God will baptize you with supernatural wisdom to help you do your part as you pray and expect your marriage to happen.

Scriptures

Proverbs 24:3-4 - Through wisdom, a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge, the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Proverbs 14:1 - The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands, the foolish one tears hers down.

Proverbs 3:13 - Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.

Proverbs 4:7 - The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

Proverbs 11:2 - When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

Proverbs 16:16 - How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!

Proverbs 19:8 - The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper.

Proverbs 13:10 - Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

Ephesians 5:15-16 - Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Colossians 4:5-6 - Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Proverbs 4:6-7 - Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

James 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Prayer

As I set my heart towards marriage, Father, Lord, I pray for wisdom and discernment to separate between truth and lies, in Jesus name.

Help me, Lord, to look beyond physical features and listen to Your voice in my heart, in Jesus name.

Lord, I pray for a supernatural intervention to bring me to that special person you have for me. Deliver me from shiny object syndrome, and the lust of the eyes, for I know that it is not all that glitters that is gold. May I not be deceived by words of the mouth, in Jesus name.

Heavenly Father, baptize me with Your way of thinking, with Your way of speaking, and with Your wisdom in the pursuit of my marriage actualization, in Jesus name.

The Scripture says in the book of 2 Timothy 1:7 that God has not given us the spirit of fear but of love, of power, and of a sound mind.

I, therefore, decree, in the name of Jesus Christ...

I have a sound mind.

I think creatively.

I erase every form of confusion in my mind by the blood of Jesus Christ. And I reject the spirit of fear, in the name of Jesus Christ.

I have the mind and the tongue of the learned.

I know what to do, and I know what to say at every point in time.

I know what to say to my suitors.

I know what to say to my potential spouse.

I know what to say to my potential in-laws,

I know what to say to my friends.

I know what to say at every given point in time, from meeting my spouse, to our marriage, and to building our new home.

For God has given me the tongue of the learned, in the name of Jesus Christ.

*The light of God shines on in my mind.
There is no darkness or shadow anymore.
And there is no confusion from this day forward, in the name of
Jesus Christ.*

*I am created in the image of God.
I think like God and reason like Him.
I can never be frustrated.
I can never be stuck at one point.
I will not lack my mate.
As God can never be lonely and forsaken, so will I never be
abandoned and forsaken because I have the creative power of
the Almighty God, in Jesus name.*

Prayer Day 11: Prayer for Favor

And so God's blessings are not given just because someone decides to have them or works hard to get them. They are given because God takes pity on those he wants to. – Romans 9:16

In literal terms, favor means special treatment or preferring someone over another. In scripture, favor is receiving spiritual and physical benefits that one would not have received from the standpoint of efforts or work. When the Bible says that “the horse is ready for battle, but victory belongs to God,” and “it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of the Lord who showeth mercy,” it is simply talking about favor.

Hard work is excellent. But you also need favor.

Today's reading says that blessings are not given just because someone wants them. They are given because God takes pity; that is, because God shows favor.

Favor is a fascinating mystery designed by God to enforce the restoration of lost years. Declare the favor of God over your life, over your family, and over the works of your hands every morning. Declare favor over your marriage actualization. Declare favor before your spouse and in-laws.

VALUE ATTRACTS FAVOR

"... The virgin's name was Mary; the angel went to her and said, Greetings, you are highly favored. The Lord is with you." – Luke 1:27-28

Mary's choice for the birth of the Messiah was an act of divine favor. It's favor because she was not the only virgin in Israel. But there's the work part also. She had to be a virgin to be chosen. She had to prepare herself beforehand. That's what I call the law of value or preparation.

Mary kept herself pure, and when the opportunity came, favor located her. Favor does not mean you should sleep and do nothing, and one day, one perfect person out there will come and marry you. No, it doesn't work that way. You need to prepare yourself. You need to become a person with value to give. Your physical preparation is vital in the supernatural system of favor.

PRAYERS

For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield (Psalm 5:12)

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*O Lord, encompass me with Your favor like a shield.
Cause me to be at the right place and at the right time, as I
prepare for marriage, in Jesus name*

O Lord, show me everything I need to do to be ready for my marriage and give me the grace and wisdom to do them, in Jesus name.

Every attack of men and women, humans or spirits, against my life and my marriage, be canceled today, in the name of Jesus Christ.

*Today, I decree and declare that I have favor with God.
I will find favor with men and women and everyone connected to my marriage realization.
I will find favor with kings and princes.*

I will find favor with my spouse, in the name of Jesus.

I declare that God will arise and have mercy on me, for the time to favor me has come; yeah, this is my time of favor (Psalm 102:13).

I declare that by God's favor...

I receive answers to every prayer I have made in the past.

And I receive a supernatural harvest for every seed I have sown in the past, in the name of Jesus.

The Bible says that *Joseph found favor in Potiphar's eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted him to his care, everything he owned.*

I declare today, Lord,

Wherever I work and do business, I have favor with the people.

I will find favor in my place of work.

I will find favor with my spouse, in Jesus name.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I decree that I find favor with anyone connected to my marriage – my parents-in-law and family members.

Father, Lord, open my eyes to recognize and be connected to anyone You have sent to make my marriage a success, in Jesus name.

I declare that as God was with Joseph, He is with me. He has not changed. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Today, I banish the spirit of hatred, cruel jealousy and envy against me, in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

From today,

I decree that God is fighting my battles.

I am a victor and not a victim.

I am going forward, from glory to glory.

Whatever I lay my hands upon and whatever I touch will prosper, for God says that I am like a tree planted by the sides of the river, in Jesus name.

I decree that...

God's favor is at work in my life.

*May every contract I have applied for, every tender I have made,
wherever my CV is, may they receive special attention and be
approved in the name of Jesus Christ.*

I decree that I am not lazy.

I am not idle and will never be idle

I am a person of value.

I have exceptional skills and the tongue of the learned.

I make things happen

Therefore, I will stand before kings and princes;

I receive grace to do everything God has called me to do.

*Whatever attitude that the enemy has planted in me that is
making me not to excel in favor, let it be uprooted in Jesus name.*

From this day forward...

*Favor will speak for me in the morning, in the afternoon, in the
evening, and all the days of my life, in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Every wrong person stationed in my life, preventing the right persons from showing up, I chase them away in the name of Jesus Christ.

From today, I begin to attract the right people into my life and destiny.

I begin to attract the right connections and breakthroughs, in Jesus name.

Thank You, Jesus, for answered prayers.

Thank You for causing everyone and everything to work for my good and the good of my marriage.

Thank You for causing people to want to help and support me towards my marriage.

Thank You for blessing me with the right partner.

Thank You for causing me to make the right decisions at all times, in Jesus name, I pray.

Prayer Day 12: Prayer for In-Laws

Heavenly Father, I pray in advance for my future mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers, and sisters-in-law.

As I connect with my spouse, Lord, may Your power grant me favor with every one of them.

May Your Spirit touch our hearts to care for each other.

I decree that I will enjoy the love, understanding, wisdom, and divinely propelled support of my in-laws. No devil or man will create a wedge between us. We will love, respect, and support each other. I will be a blessing in their lives, and they will be a blessing in my life, in Jesus name

Prayer Day 13: No More Rejection

Today, I pray that the mark of rejection and hatred be permanently erased from my life. May the garment of delay, shame, ridicule, and confusion be removed from me, my marriage, and my destiny, in Jesus name.

May all my disappointment be converted into divine appointments, in Jesus name.

May grace and favor speak for me from today, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Ministering angels of God, recommend me to my future spouse and bring us together in the most miraculous way, in Jesus name.

I declare that God has taken over my battles. He is in charge of my marriage plans and preparations. My marriage will happen, and the glory will be to God alone, in Jesus name.

Prayer Day 14: Peace of Mind

O Lord, I pray today that You remove every form of destructive desperation, impatience, and feelings of frustration from me. May I not fret up and down because of a life partner. Remind me to unconditionally celebrate with others as they are getting their blessings and not to compare myself with them.

While I await the manifestation of my spouse, Lord, cause me to have Your kind of joy and peace, to focus on improving myself, and continue to be kind to others. Help me to stick with Your timing and not rush into marriage out of pressure.

When I see my spouse, O Lord, cause me to have peace in my heart and give me confirmations that will make me confident that this is the path You are leading me. Nothing will hinder or stop me from recognizing and marrying my God-ordained spouse, in Jesus' name.

Prayer Day 15: No More Condemnation

O Lord my Father, I pray that Your mercy will speak for me over my past. May my past mistakes and errors not stand against my marriage.

Whatever mark has been cast on my life and marriage due to my past mistakes, O Lord, I pray that the Blood of Jesus will remove them today. Every false news and story that is being used against my life and marriage due to my past, I put an end to them today.

I ask, Lord, that Your ministering angels will intervene and cause every false story and news wrongly created in the hearts of people against me to change for my favor. I declare that there shall, henceforth, be no more condemnation against me and my marital destiny.

I declare that God is doing a new thing in my life. Old things are passed away. I am new in thoughts, better in waiting and obedience, wiser in decisions, and ready for the manifestation of my spouse, in Jesus' name.

Prayer Day 16: Disconnect

Today, O Lord, I come against all forms of spiritual and physical attacks against my marriage. I cancel every known and unknown covenant or agreement speaking against my marital destiny.

I disconnect from every evil connection, spiritually or physically responsible for delays and disappointments in my marriage. I call forth the wind to scatter all evil meetings that have taken place or will take place against my marriage and my family. I arrest every thought and action from this day forward to work for my favor, in Jesus' name.

Prayer Day 17: No Longer Worried

Heavenly Father, I thank You because You have a good plan for me, to give me peace, hope, a good marriage, and a good future. I thank You because You have someone for me, and I know I will connect with this person for Your glory.

Sometimes, Lord, my heart is troubled, and I'm worried about marriage and the future. Today, Lord, I ask You to remove from my fear, doubt, and unbelief regarding my marriage, life partner, and the future. Let Your peace that passes understanding rule my heart. Please help me to remain calm as I prepare myself for my future spouse and our marriage.

Today, I remind myself that God is working behind the scenes for the success of my marriage. My marriage will be a blessing in Jesus' name.

Prayer Day 18: Decree What Will Be

It is written that I shall decree a thing, and it shall be established unto me, and light will shine on my ways (Job 22:28).

I... (Put your name) ... declare before heaven and earth that love will find me. I will marry my God-ordained mate, and we will raise an ideal home.

I declare that there shall be no more rejection, disappointment, and delay. For it is written that in a little while, he that shall come will come, and will not tarry (Hebrew 10:37).

My marriage will no longer tarry.

My potential spouse and I receive, by divine intervention, every provision that will bring our marriage to pass.

My spouse and I will be one flesh, united in purpose, and inseparable, lifting each other because two are better than one, in Jesus name.

Prayer Day 19: To Be the Reason

Heavenly Father, I pray today that You specially touch my heart and help me to be forgiving and tolerant towards my future spouse. Teach me by Your Spirit how to bridle my tongue and not say hurtful things to the one You will bring into my life. Inspire my words to bring healing, deliverance, and faith into our relationship.

Today, I reject the spirit of sorrow and regrets in my forthcoming marriage.

From the meeting of my partner to the consummation of our marriage and building our home, may my spouse and I be the reason for each other's joy and success.

When I meet my spouse, Lord, help me to be the answer to their prayers.

May I be the reason that my future spouse will experience great favors with You and with men. May I be the plus that makes the difference in their life financially, and may I be the found link that enables my spouse to fulfill Your purpose for their life, in Jesus name.

Prayer Day 20: Declare the Vision

Today, O Lord, I write out my marital visions and present them to Thee. You said to write the vision and make it plain. Here are my candid expectations and dreams in marriage...

1.....

2.....

3.....

4.....

(State your visions clearly)

O Lord, empower my future spouse and me to fulfill these visions, in Jesus' name.

May my marriage open new doors of prosperity and favors for me, my spouse, and everyone connected to us, in Jesus name.

I declare that the heavens, the earth, the rivers, and the grounds will favor my marriage. We will not inherit any problems, evil patterns, and addictions from either family. Adultery, lies,

*abuse, disrespect, and unforgiveness will not manifest or rule in
my future home, in Jesus' name.*

*I declare that my future marriage, home, and children will be
blessed - spiritually, physically, and financially, in Jesus name.*

*My in-laws will be a blessing to me, and I will be a blessing to
them, in Jesus name.*

*Thank You, Lord, for through Your wisdom, direction, and help,
my home will be an ideal home, in Jesus' name.*

Prayer Day 21: Give Praise

*“Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, **fearful in praises**, doing wonders? – Exodus 15:11*

God is fearful in praises. He does wonders in praises.

David had endless triumphs and never lost a single battle even though he found himself in devastating situations. The secret was that he had a very close relationship with God and knew how to praise Him.

Through praise, you hand over your battles to God because He inhabits in the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3).

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; to execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have

all his saints. Praise ye the Lord. - Psalm

149:6-9

High praise, power praise, heartfelt appreciation will put a two-edged sword in your hand to execute vengeance upon the heathen. Every child of God has this honor. It's time to use it.

Tonight, engage the foolishness and craziness of praise. Declare this 21st day of your prayer retreat, a day of radical praise to God. Come before Him with thanksgiving. Sing and dance before Him, play music, and let your heart sing to His Holy name.

Thank Him for the manifestation of your marriage.

Don't worry about any remaining issues and prayer points. Praise God today.

When the army of Jehoshaphat "began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, everyone helped to destroy another."

Your enemies will join themselves to slaughter themselves, in Jesus' name.

“Brother Dan,” you say, “are you sure these fasting and prayer declarations did anything? I don’t have any feelings? How do I know that God has answered my prayers? Are you sure I will marry?”

Beloved, you’re absolutely fine. God heard your prayers. Your spouse will manifest in your life.

Don’t measure your prayers and God’s power at work in your life by how you feel. Even when you feel bad and lost, God heard your prayers and is doing great things in your life and family.

It’s time to move on to praise.

When you praise God, you build Him a habitation. When you praise God, you make Him a sanctuary and activate His dominion. When He is present in His power, the sea disappears; the mountains skip like rams and the little hills like lambs.

When God appears, darkness disappears. When He is present, the earth will tremble.

David was an addicted praiser. God took him from following the sheep to becoming the king of Israel.

After today, declare a season of praise to God. Spend the next month praising and dancing before Him every night. Your earth will undoubtedly yield her increase.

PRAYERS

1. O Lord, I thank You for all You have done in my life and my marriage. Thank You for my home; receive my praise and honor in Jesus' name.
2. Thank You, Lord, for making provisions for my marriage and new family. Thank You for opening doors of prosperity and removing lack from my spouse and me, in Jesus' name. (Deut.8:10, Psalm 34:10).
3. Thank You, Lord, because my spouse and family are saved, and we are assured of heavenly inheritance in Christ (Col.1:12).
4. Thank You, Lord, for making us seated with Christ in the heavenly places, far above principalities and powers (Ephesians 2:6).
5. Thank You, Lord, for our authority over satan (Luke 10:19).
6. Thank You, Lord, for forgiving my sins and healing my body (Psalm.103:3).
7. Thank you, Lord, for good health enjoyed throughout the past years and the one I will continue to enjoy in my marriage and home (3 John 1:2, Exo.15:26).

8. Thank You, Lord, for delivering me from all forms of destruction. Thank You for delivering me from late marriage, delay, and disappointment, in Jesus' name (Ps.103:4).

9. Thank you, Lord, for making provisions for my satisfaction and joy in marriage (Ps.103:5).

10. Thank you, Lord, for not allowing me to be a victim to my enemies' wishes. Thank You for canceling the counsels of the ungodly and approving my marriage and new home, in Jesus name (Ps.124:6).

11. Thank you, Lord, for enabling me to escape all the traps the enemy set for me (Ps. 124:7).

12. Thank you, Lord, for fighting all the battles against my marital destiny (Ex.14:14)

13. Thank You, Lord, for the great things You are doing in my life and marriage.

14. Thank You, Father, because I know that You are at work in my life. I know that Your light is shining and will forever shine in my ways. I know that my marriage has been approved in heaven, and I am walking to the altar for Your blessings, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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