

GOD'S MIND ON MARRIAGE

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FOREWORD

To God be the Glory, God's mind on marriage is a message written out of experience of the author and a deep desire to see that younger folks do not perpetuate any misconceptions about what they think marriage is.

Error of judgement as to what marriage is, have far reaching consequences for the individual, our communities and any nation.

In the so called good old days for example before 1940, it is honourable to find a man and the woman virgins at the time of marriage. Families come together and arrange marriages in godly fashion. Everyone took pride in chastity. The result was that marriages lasted.

But to move forward, there has always been error of judgement about our expectations in marriage. According to God's plans on marriage, divorce is no option. Hence we should understand Satan's strategy in attacking to destroy God's plans for mankind. One of such plan is to unleash lust on mankind especially believers and follow it up with his children disguising as Christians to trap men and women. This means when you are led by your carnal desires instead of the Spirit of God you are more likely to enter into covenant with his own children or agents. The devil makes his claim forever on such ignorant individuals. Only God's intervention can deliver such individuals. This is the common situation of individuals in unfortunate marriages.

Marriage can make or destroy any man. Your only Choice is to follow God.

This message is for believers and the yet to believe who are proposing to marry, and whose wish is to succeed in life.

INTRODUCTION TO GOD'S MIND ON MARRIAGE

God's plan is for every human being to fulfil the purpose for which they were created. There are evidences to show that man has always been the architect of his own destiny. Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for sin for mankind so that we may receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, without which man was not meant to succeed. Success is relative to those who do not know the truth. We call it social reality. Success is however not relative to God. It is either you succeed or fail. The reason is that God gave us God the Holy Spirit through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, so that we should never be found to have failed in any area of life. God does not fail.

Full co-operation with the Holy Spirit is the only way God designed man to succeed and have peace. Attempt have been made to carefully state in very clear and unambiguous language God's uncomplicated mind on marriage as found in His holy scriptures. This by no means is finality, but as Jesus came with grace and truth, grace and truth must be applied in identifying God's will in his word.

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My prayer is that all those who are not married would find guidance, whilst those who are married can evaluate their marriages to get the best. And for those who are divorced or have been in unfortunate marriages, they should find hope from the only one who gives hope. Jesus Christ.

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CHAPTER 1

ORIGIN OF MARRIAGE

- Origin: Marriage is the first and most important institution God created on earth. This demonstrates its importance to God in heaven.
- God's plan is for His most important creation, man, to be like him, that is internally. This is why man was created in His own image, "And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over all the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Genesis 1: 26-28
- God's idea and plan is for man to dwell together in perfect unity because only then can God's blessings flow on man and most importantly on the first institution (marriage) created by God. "Behold, How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore" Psalm 133:1-3.

- God would not expect unity from man if God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are not united and act as one. Jesus taught us in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10.
- It is therefore unimaginable for God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit to be in disagreement or strife.
- This means that marriages today are completely contrary to God's plan or will.
- Any man or institution that rebels or rejects God's plan, will or ways, risks being cut off from God, His promises and blessings.
- Satan's main quest since he rebelled against God is to ensure that the image of God rebels too. This is the devil's plan to get back at God and unfortunately history has it that he has succeeded for centuries.
- Experience has proven that agreeing with God is synonymous with a life of blessings "with joy unspeakable and full of glory." [1 Peter 1:8]
- Marriage is the coming together in alliance for a lifetime of a man and woman for God's purpose to procreate, multiply and be fruitful in every area of life. Marriage is supposed to demonstrate the unity of the Godhead and ultimately the unity between the bride of the Lamb of God which is the church and Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.
- God's creation is perfect and God expects marriages to be perfect since Christ reconciled us back to God with His blood on the cross, "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath

given us the ministry of reconciliation:" 2
Corinthians 5:18

- Reconciliation is complete, "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." Colossians 1:20, and will be perfected at the millennia reign of Christ.
- Marriage is important to God as demonstrated in His word, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and the wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God." Revelations 19:7-9.
- As a matter of fact, marriage is the most beautiful concept and creation of God. It is however one of the most abused and misunderstood conception of God. The reason is that we have not fully learnt to pursue adequate understanding of God's purpose for instituting marriage.

CHAPTER 2

WHAT BELIEVERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO BELIEVE ABOUT MARRIAGE

- Don't ever believe you cannot live in a marriage without argument, strife and disagreement. This counsel is of the devil. Jesus, the Son does not argue with the Father.
- That you can't have a perfect marriage.
- That suffering in marriage is a part of life. It is not what Jesus reconciled us back to the Father for.
- That God's truth and plans for marriage could be modernised. Modernisation of the truth is the reason for sorrows in marriage resulting in divorce.
- That the man and the woman are equal in the marriage partnership. Yes they are partners but they were never created to be equal partners. There can't be two heads in a marriage, "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." 1 Corinthians 11:3. "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything." Ephesians 5:23-24
- Note that an attempt to alter Gods order is always destructive.
- Anything with two heads is a freak.
- That believers can seek to modernise God's word, truth or plan for marriage and still reap the benefits of God's promises. This is nothing but a recipe for disaster. This

constitutes a life of unfulfilled dreams, vision and destiny. Disobedience is rebellion. Rebellion shuts off the flow of God's blessings.

- That God is very understanding as to allow some lowering of his standards. God is no respecter of persons, "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:" Acts 10:34. Believers and God's people in general suffer and perish because we think we can manipulate God into agreeing with our ways, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of God, I will also forget my children." Hosea 4:6.
- That prayer and fasting changes things. This is falsehood. Prayer and fasting can never change God, God's word or God's plans. Prayer and fasting can never replace obedience to the truth of God's word. Prayer and fasting can only open our understanding to the truth we have probably chosen to ignore.
- That you can agree to disagree in marriage. Disagreements occur because one or both parties have rejected the truth in God's word. Can God the Father and Jesus or the Holy Spirit agree to disagree? "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." 1 John 5:7. Believers should stop listening to the devil's lies. God would never support anything contrary to his word including an ungodly marriage.
- That God supports all marriages. This is a lie. God will not support marriages that do not have him as the foundation. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the father of lights,

with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”James1:17. “But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace” James 3:14-18. Satan would contend any foundation built on his kingdom principles with God. God does not engage in such strivings.

- That marriage is for better or for worse, richer or poorer and such fallacies. God's creation is perfect. There is no poorer, worse or sickness in God and his kingdom. Believers need to wake up to the deception we have held on to for time immemorial. These are lies and the result of life cut off from God. What you believe determines what you get in life.
- That women and men can swap positions in marriage and expect God's hands. Please be aware that such notions are not from God and the doors of such families are open to the devil. Don't expect God's intervention.

CHAPTER 3

WHAT BELIEVERS NEED TO BELIEVE

- That if the foundation be destroyed, nothing can be done. Anything constructed on a faulty foundation will crumble and cannot fulfil its potential or God's plans, "If the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3
- That the promise of a good marriage is only for those who are prepared to hearken to God's words on marriage as in every thing else. That is to hear and do, "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all the nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God." Deuteronomy 28:1-2. This means your marriage is automatically blessed because of your obedience.
- That you can only succeed in marriage if you prepare diligently for it by finding out the why, what and how of God's will. God rewards only the diligent. Diligence demonstrates faith, which is the currency that is transacted in heaven, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" Hebrew 11:6.
- That all that God created is perfect and created for God's pleasure, "And God saw ever thing that he made, and behold it was very good" Genesis 1:31a. "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power:

- for thou hast created all things, for thy pleasure they are and were created” Rev4:1.
- That good marriage is NOT possible without God.
- That good marriage is designed by God and for God according to the above scriptures.
- That God created man to be like him, hence good marriage is only possible for those who recognise this fact, acknowledge it and seek the fullness of God which would automatically make this possible.
- That believers have tried to achieve the unachievable in the energy of the flesh contrary to God’s word.
- God knew man could not achieve this. Jesus spoke that as with everything else all things are possible to those who believe, “And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.” Mark 10:27.
- Because man was designed by God to be totally dependent rather than independent of God, Jesus said “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” John 15:5. This is profound. This statement of fact together with the truth it contains can never change.
- That marriage is a ministry to both man and woman. Ministry is unachievable without the empowerment of God, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts1:8. Our marriages just as our lives most bring glory and joy to God because he has given us the Holy Spirit to govern our lives.

- That the same spirit that resurrected Jesus, raise the dead and quickens intellect is the same power required for a Godly marriage, “It is the Spirit that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” John6:63.
- That those who understand these truths are those who qualify for spouses and those whose marriages God will authorise and direct.
- That God does not encourage nor gives his beloved children what they do not understand, neither does he give them things they are not mature enough to handle.
- That most marriages were not authorised by God which is the main reason people, especially believers are living trapped lives of sorrow in unfortunate marriages.
- What God did not authorise he cannot be forced to support. God and the flesh or Satan do not fellowship together.
- God’s mercy preserves His children; God’s mercy is reserved for those who hope in it and fear God. But most importantly, God’s mercy redirects believers to the truth when we repent from our rebellion, “But the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children’s children;”Psalm 103:17
- That unbelief is the main reason believers have not found rest in marriages, “So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.” Hebrew 3:19
- That believing God is demonstrated by obedience.
- Obedience would make us seek for knowledge of God in all issues in our lives.
- Obedience is however a choice that we all have to make. God does not force or enforce obedience. He would

always show us the reward of obedience and the consequences attached to disobedience.

- To willingly choose to obey God is all that God requires from man and what God gave the Holy Spirit to help man accomplish.
- Obedience gives God strength on our behalf.

CHAPTER 4

ARE YOU MARRIED? WHAT TO DO

- Do a reality check to determine if you are fruitful and prospering in your marriage.
- Understand by diligent search, the purpose and benefits of marriage. Marriage is supposed to bring unquantifiable prosperity.
- Invite the Holy Spirit into everything you would do and believe that without God you can not do anything.
- Visit your foundation with your spouse and agree to tear everything that bears no resemblance of God's purpose.
- Understand that you can only fulfil your destiny when you enthrone God. You are called to help fulfil each others destinies.
- That two are better than one. "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth: for he hath not another help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him: and a threefold cord is not quickly broken." Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.
- One will achieve a thousand but two, ten thousand in every area of life but especially in marriage, "How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up?" Deut. 32:30. Marriage is for profit, joy and peace.
- Understand the principle of 'head' in a marriage.

- Believers have the free will to enthrone God which leads to prosperity or dethrone him which leads to poverty and misery.
- The wife can enthrone the husband. This would inevitably lead to fruitfulness, prosperity and peace, or dethrone him which would lead to poverty, misery and anything the devil feels they deserve.
- The husband cannot enthrone the wife, but can only create the woman's throne if the woman allows him.
- The believer who does not submit to his head cannot receive the promises or benefits which have been paid for with the blood of Jesus. Jesus is the head.
- The wife who does not recognise this principle would not enjoy such benefits from the husband and from God. This would open the door to the devil in every area of their lives.
- The man who does not love his wife the way God loves the church has denied the faith and would not receive such blessings.
- There is however a sequence which cannot be altered. Man must submit to God, the woman, submits to the man exactly as if he was God.
- Women have been seeking the benefits of submission without submitting in a godly way. This is witchcraft.
- Man who does not love a woman who submitted to his headship at home is an infidel.
- Sarah was given as an example of a godly woman, "Likewise, Ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that

outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their husbands: Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him Lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.” 1 Peter 3: 1-6.

- Marriage the Godly way is only possible when the spouses are full of God and know what God said about marriages.
- Attempts to modernise God’s plans is the singular reason for sorrow and divorce.
- No one would ever be able to fulfil their God given destiny when they attempt to contradict God’s order.
- It is those who recognise these basic truths that would reap the benefits of all of God’s promises. Heaven is possible on earth, “That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them as the days of heaven on earth.” Deuteronomy 11:21.
- When you study to show yourself approved, God will approve your marriage with signs and wonders because it demonstrates that you are a believer, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15.
- If you know you do not have the power, ask and seek and keep on seeking until you are filled, “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it

shall be opened unto you: for everyone who asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” Matthew7:7-8.

- Only those who thirst for the Holy Spirit would be filled, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” Matthew5:6
- Your success in life is dependent on seeking first the kingdom of God which is simply the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the spirit, soul and body of the believer, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things would be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33.
- There is favour for any man or woman that approach marriage in a godly way. “Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.” Proverbs 18:22.

CHAPTER 5

ARE YOU SINGLE? WHAT TO DO

- You only qualify for marriage when you acknowledge God, his purposes, principles and ways that he put in his will about marriage.
- Recognise that studying as if you are going to receive a certificate with diligence would be rewarded by God.
- When you understand and agree fully with God, you would be instructed by God the Holy Spirit on who is suitable.
- Before God directs a man or woman on marriage, God would have found that person meek or directable, “The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.” Psalm 25:9.
- Preconceived ideas, plans or preferences would most certainly lead you on the wrong path.
- God won’t direct you after you’ve chosen your way. Your foundation is crucial; if you start with God you are guaranteed a life of fruitfulness and prosperity. The opposite is the case if you choose your way.
- Never choose before asking God, it shows you are in the flesh.
- Never forget that only those who acknowledge God would receive God’s direction and help.
- Study the secrets of Esther in the book of Esther, why her husband was adamant in giving her half of his kingdom.
- Preparation is essential in everything especially in marriage. God rewards preparation for both the man and the woman, mental, physical and spiritual.

- Marriage is a ministry that requires power of the Holy Spirit to succeed. Fullness of the Holy Spirit is needed too.
- Marriage is not for lazy believers. Every blessing written in the scriptures are covenant blessings. This means we receive them by playing our part in the covenant relationship. God honours those who honour him.
- Obedience is not possible with man but only with God. This is a spirit-filled and led life.
- Any counsel that is contrary to what God said has consequences that are best not imagined.
- Understand fully that God's purpose is for marriages to be perfect, as God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit agree, so must the two parties. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3.
- God in man and God in woman would always agree.
- Disagreement is never of God. The source is usually ignorance of what God said in his word or deliberate self-will. This is witchcraft. However, the word of God is the only denominator. Psychology does not correspond to the truth of God's word. This is the reason why it can never stand against the word of God. If God did not say it, it is wisdom to discard it.
- There are conditions attached to every promise of God. "Hearken diligently" and seek to know the conditions.
- Remember always that God is more desperate for man to succeed because he has already paid the price for all to succeed. God is more anxious for us to get it right, and if you are single, God is waiting on you to agree with him so that He can perform His good pleasure in your life.
- Let your vision of a marriage partner correspond to God's vision of a Godly spouse for you, not that of size,

- shape, colour or beauty. Listen, God would give you someone pretty physically, but more so pretty internally. The inward beauty is all that would sustain your marriage and make it last. Outward beauty would fade.
- There is a very crucial message in a story in the scriptures. It is the story of how Abraham sent his chief servant Eliezer to his native country to search for a wife for his son Isaac. [Read full story in Genesis 24:1-end]. Eliezer is a prototype of the Holy Spirit given to prepare the bride of Christ which is the Church for the lamb or the groom, Christ. The Holy Spirit prepares the Church through sanctification to bring the bride [the Church] into perfect agreement and unity with Jesus Christ.
 - This same way, the Holy Spirit prepares both man and woman who surrender for His work of sanctification for the same purpose of bringing them into perfect unity. Then they would be properly equipped for God's purposes on earth. The role of the Holy Spirit is hence geared towards unity at home, unity in the Church and unity with Jesus Christ and God the Father.

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION

- Marriage is not for carnal Christians. You must be in the Spirit. “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” 1Corinthians2:14.
- “For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.” Romans 8:6-8. It is profitable and worth it to please God.
- Don’t assume you are spiritual when you are not. You would have yourself to blame if you do.
- Meditate on all these scriptures until pictures are created in your spirit. Wait for God because He only knows when you are ready. You are better off waiting and following God’s will than yours [Ephesians 5:21-26, Amos3:3, 1Peter 3:1-7; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12]
- Recognise fully the role of God [Holy Spirit].
- Labour to enter your rest [Hebrew 4:11] Find out all you need to know from the Bible and good books authored by human guides provided in the body of Christ.
- For some women, marriage could be the only ministry God would call you to. It may also be your first ministry, that is, apart from other ministries.
- Not all men and women are given the gift of marriage [1 Cor. 7:17; 32-38].

- Submission is two ways. “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.” Ephesians 5:21. It is important that couples and intending couples grasp the truth about the fear of God. It is reverence. A domineering husband who subdues his wife and family with force, or imposes himself by using finance to control his family has denied the faith. He is practicing witchcraft and may be selling his family which includes himself to the powers of darkness. This is how the devil has managed to hinder God’s plans for most families and subsequently societies.
- A wife who subverts the husband’s effort through disobedience and manipulations to get her wish is also committing sacrilege. Witchcraft, also known as control is the most potent force unleashed by the devil from time immemorial to cause breakdown in marriages. He knows once he can penetrate any family with this force he has taken not just a family but a whole community or nation.
- Any act of control or manipulation usually feels like one is getting his or her way, the end of it is slavery in the hands of the devil. Whatsoever you sow, you shall reap. “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” Galatians 5v7.
- Husbands, wives, and those intending to marry owe it to God to find out what witchcraft means and purpose in their hearts never to give in to any suggestion of the devil. Avoid anyone who tries to influence you to abuse your position in your family. We should also note that submission is only going to work if it is in the fear of the Lord. God would not support submission borne out of control or selfish desire of any party in the home.

- To enjoy marriage we must see it, understand it and deliberately purpose in our hearts to follow God's approved plan for marriage.
- We are all encouraged not to attempt to go into marriage contract if we are still at odds with God on God's purpose for marriage.
- There is no room for insincerity, hypocrisy or lies in any family. God knows when we are not sincere. The devil knows too.
- When your vision is for a perfect marriage, that is exactly is what you would have.
- As in all things in life, there would be challenges. Your first point of call should be what God said about the situation, not what psychologists say. And when you both agreed to follow God's counsel you would receive help from heaven. Following God's plan is called faith. "WHO HATH believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed." Isaiah 53:1. Those who believe God's report receive the hand of God.

HEART TO HEART WARNINGS

- "CHILDREN, OBEY your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Ephesians 6:1-3.

- Your Pastor or shepherd must be consulted before any marriage proposal. It shows that the individual concerned knows what he or she is doing. This means before any form of emotional involvement or text messaging.
- The commandment to honour our fathers and mothers both biological and in the Lord is the only commandment with a promise attached to it. It should never be broken under any circumstance.
- Avoid consulting any worldly minister. It is your duty to find and follow a spirit-filled shepherd. God has anointed them to act in the place of Jesus. They have the mantle to counsel you. Do not take counsel from a wolf. “Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.” 2 Corinthians 5:16
- Before proposing, ensure that you fast three days and ask your pastor to fast with you. Listen to what God would tell you and observe closely what your pastor says. Listen to your pastor’s counsel if it is scriptural and honest. It could be either way, but it would save you years of sorrow.
- As much as possible do not make your decision based on a dream you had. That is Satan’s specialty. Satan gives dreams, especially the types we want to dream. Judge your dreams with the word of God.
- Finally, the Holy Spirit is the power you need to remain chaste, to keep yourself pure whether you are a man or a woman till you marry. The Holy Spirit is the power for everything you hope to have and become.
- Pursue God.

- If you are divorced and hope to remarry the counsel of God is you reconcile with your spouse or remain unmarried. However, God's counsel to you may be to remarry. This is not a rule. It is an individual decision you would have to obtain directly from the Holy Spirit. Do not receive this counsel from any human being or minister of the gospel. They would not stand with you at the time of judgement. This means you are going to be accountable for yourself.
- Do not say the Holy Spirit told you to anyone, neither should you allow anyone to put you in any form of bondage because of the mistake of entering into an ungodly marriage covenant. The Holy Spirit does not agree with any form of captivity. He came to make free. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" John 8:32. [See also 1 Corinthians 7:1-40]
- Find out all you can know about total sanctification according to 1 Thessalonians 5:23. This is the solution prescribed and provided for human beings in the Bible purchased with the blood of Jesus Christ to ensure that we do not make wrong decisions. Total sanctification puts the fullness of God in our spirit, soul and body. No alternative route or provision is available from God to man. This means in essence that your destiny is firmly in your hands. After reading this, be aware that only complacency can prevent you from making the right decision.

PRAYER FOR A GOOD MARRIAGE

- *Pray for total sanctification according to 1 Thessalonians 5:23, Romans 8:23.*
- *Pray for the fullness of God according to John 14:23, Acts 1:8*
- *Pray that God would fill you with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Colossians 1:9 and Ephesians 1:17-18*
- *Meditate on all the scriptures in this message. You would have profit.*

