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Foreword

Marriage remains one of God's greatest gifts to humanity and one of the most important institutions He established for the fulfilment of His divine purpose on the earth. Yet, while many enter marriage with great expectations, not everyone discovers the biblical principles required to build a thriving and enduring home.

In this timely and practical message, Marriage Success Secrets, Pastor (Mrs) Faith Oyedepo shares timeless truths that reveal God's blueprint for a successful marriage. Drawing from Scripture, personal experience, and decades of observing healthy family relationships, she presents principles that are both simple and profound, capable of transforming homes when applied diligently.

At the heart of this teaching is the indispensable virtue of respect. Through clear biblical instruction, readers are shown how honouring God, honouring His Word, and honouring one another form the foundation upon which strong and lasting marriages are built. The message challenges husbands and wives alike to embrace personal responsibility, cultivate mutual honour, and develop habits that strengthen the bonds of love, unity, and peace within the home.

Whether you are preparing for marriage, newly married, or have been married for many years, the truths contained in these pages will serve as valuable guidance for building a home that reflects God's original intention for marriage.

May your marriage flourish, your love abound, and your family become a lasting blessing to generations yet unborn.

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Introduction

Marriage is a wonderful institution established by God for the benefit of mankind. It is the coming together of one man and one woman from different backgrounds and upbringings to build a godly home according to God's design.

Marriage is not intended to be a horrible, frustrating, unsuccessful, or burdensome experience. The Bible declares:

"Marriage is honourable in all..." (Hebrews 13:4 KJV)

However, success in marriage does not just happen. It is not the product of chance or wishful thinking. It occurs when both husband and wife intentionally accept responsibility and fulfil their respective roles. Like every worthwhile venture, marriage requires knowledge and deliberate investment. No success story ever comes by accident. Therefore, if you desire a successful family life, you must consciously nurture your marriage. People who nurture their marriages enjoy one of life's greatest treasures.

My prayer is that this will be your experience in Jesus' name.

Marriage is designed to be a lifetime experience. Divorce, separation, and failure are not part of God's original design. Therefore, for everyone under the sound of my voice who is married, I decree that everything threatening the success of your marriage is destroyed in Jesus' name. And for those who are not yet married, I pray that you will enjoy a successful marriage in Jesus' name.

Marriage Can Succeed

I recently carried out a study on long-lasting marriages. One remarkable example was Daniel Frederick Bakeman and his wife, Susan, who were married for eighty-nine years. Their marriage remains one of the longest recorded marriages in American history.

Another couple, John and Ann Betar, were married for eighty-five years and testified that they enjoyed a good marriage.

John and Charlotte Henderson were also married for many decades and remained together into old age.

These examples demonstrate the durability of the institution of marriage. Your own marriage shall be even more successful in Jesus' name.

My beloved parents, for example, were married for over fifty years and enjoyed a great marriage. Their union remains a great inspiration to me. By the grace of God, this year marks thirty-eight years of my own marriage.

The God who has done it for others will do it for you. Your testimony shall be greater in Jesus' name. Every challenge and unwanted situation in your marriage today shall be turned around in Jesus' name.

The Secret of Respect

One major secret of marital success is respect.

Research shows that lack of respect is one of the major causes of crises in homes and marriages today. Respect means to honour, reverence, and hold another person in high esteem. It creates a sense of worth and value. Respect is not something that can be hidden; it is always evident.

Respect should not be determined by age, culture, status, or achievement. It is a necessity in every successful marriage. It should come from the heart and not merely from the lips.

Respect in marriage must be mutual.

The Bible says:

"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife..." (1 Peter 3:7 KJV)

It also says:

"...and the wife see that she reverence her husband." (Ephesians 5:33 KJV)

Therefore, respect is required from both husband and wife.

Respect should not be practised only behind closed doors. It should be evident both publicly and privately.

One of the secrets I observed in the marriage of my parents was mutual respect. I never saw them engage in marital conflict, but I constantly saw them honour and respect one another.

Respecting God and His Word

The first dimension of respect is respect for God and His Word.

Marital success begins with reverence for God. This is the most important form of respect because it forms the foundation for every other kind of respect.

Your spiritual understanding is the foundation for success in marriage. You cannot be more successful than your spiritual condition permits. The spiritual controls the physical.

The Bible says:

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." (Romans 8:6 KJV)

Some marital challenges are beyond human ability to resolve. Divine help becomes necessary.

Focus on God as the source of success rather than on yourself or your spouse. Couples who keep God at the centre of their marriage are usually successful because they recognise that God has the final say in every area of life.

When we respect God and obey His Word, respecting our spouses, family members, and even ourselves becomes easier.

Both husband and wife should be practising Christians—not Christians in name only. Worship together, pray together, serve God together, and grow together spiritually.

These are some of the common characteristics found among successful marriages.

Respecting One Another

Husbands and wives must respect each other's assignment, calling, and individuality.

This helps us appreciate our God-given potential and recognise our differences without allowing those differences to become sources of conflict.

When you truly respect someone, you invest effort in understanding them better.

Imagine receiving a highly respected guest in your home—a senior pastor or even the president of your nation. Consider the honour and regard you would show such a person. That same honour should exist within marriage.

Never contradict each other before your children. Mutual honour strengthens family unity.

Respecting the Husband

A wife must respect the authority of her husband.

Respect his opinions, decisions, abilities, and unique qualities. Respect him both in public and in private.

This creates an atmosphere where children also learn honour and respect.

A disrespectful wife makes leadership difficult, but a respectful wife strengthens her home.

Respecting the Wife

Men must love and cherish their wives.

A woman does not have to be a supermodel to deserve sincere compliments from her husband.

Husbands should prayerfully make wise decisions and treat their wives as partners in life's journey—not as possessions, servants, or subordinates.

Show unwavering commitment to your marriage vows. Such actions strengthen the foundation of the home.

Respect Begins in the Heart

The Bible says:

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7 KJV)

Respect begins with your thoughts.

If your heart is filled with honour towards your spouse, your words and actions will naturally reflect it. On the other hand, negative thoughts eventually manifest through speech and behaviour.

If your spouse could see the contents of your heart today, what would they discover?

This is a question every husband and wife should honestly answer.

Respect Through Words

Words are powerful tools for marital success.

The Bible says:

"Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt..." (Colossians 4:6
KJV)

Avoid insulting language, derogatory statements, and words that destroy communication.

Use sound reasoning instead of harsh arguments. Do not shout at or belittle your spouse.

Encourage, appreciate, and affirm one another regularly. When my children were growing up and school fees were paid, I encouraged them to thank and appreciate their father. Such gestures build respect within the family.

Words, once spoken, cannot be retrieved. Like eggs that have been broken, they cannot easily be gathered together again. Yet, well-spoken words can heal wounds and strengthen relationships.

I pray that every word that proceeds from your mouth from this day forward will be a blessing in Jesus' name.

Beware of pride, because pride destroys relationships.

Respect Through Actions

Actions often speak louder than words.

I cannot imagine a husband physically assaulting his wife and injuring her. Such behaviour is completely unacceptable and ungodly.

Your actions reveal the true condition of your heart.

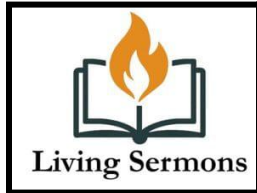
Make your spouse feel accepted, valued, and admired. Never shame or ridicule each other's opinions.

Learn to apologise when you are wrong and give no place to the devil.

In my own marriage, there have been countless occasions when I have apologised to my husband and asked for forgiveness. Likewise, he has done the same.

Humility protects relationships. Pride destroys them.

Continue investing in your marriage through thoughtful acts of kindness. Small gestures performed consistently strengthen the bonds of love and respect.



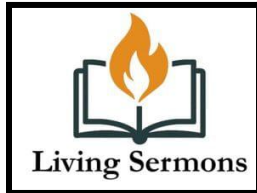
About the Speaker

Pastor (Mrs.) Faith Oyedepo is a Nigerian Christian author, teacher, and preacher widely known for her consistent ministry alongside her husband, David Oyedepo, the founder of Living Faith Church Worldwide (Winners' Chapel).

She has served for decades in the Christian ministry, with a strong emphasis on marriage, family life, womanhood, and godly character. Her teachings are marked by simplicity, practical wisdom, and a focus on building stable Christian homes rooted in scriptural principles.

Beyond her public teaching role, she is also recognized for her consistent support in church leadership development and humanitarian efforts connected to the ministry she co-labors in. Over the years, her voice has remained steady in reinforcing values of faith, order, and responsibility in Christian family structures.

Her contribution to contemporary Nigerian Christianity is largely seen through the lens of discipleship in the home, where she continues to influence both younger and older generations of believers through teaching, example, and structured mentorship within the church community.



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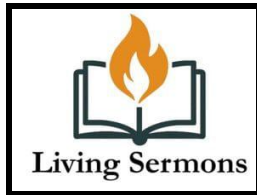
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