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Foreword

*In this timely and practical teaching, **Pastor (Mrs) Faith Oyedepo** presents biblical truths that reveal God's intention for every marriage to be peaceful, stable, and fulfilling. Drawing from decades of personal experience, scriptural insight, and proven kingdom principles, she demonstrates that a hitch-free marriage is not a myth but a divine possibility.*

One of the remarkable strengths of this book is its simplicity. The truths shared are not complicated theories but practical principles that can be applied daily by both husbands and wives. Through clear scriptural guidance, readers are challenged to examine their attitudes, responsibilities, and responses within the marriage covenant.

*Particularly refreshing is the emphasis on the two foundational secrets highlighted throughout this message: **being "not blind" and "not wicked."** These simple yet profound truths reveal that successful marriages are built when couples possess both the right knowledge and the willingness to obey God's Word. Knowledge without obedience produces frustration, but knowledge combined with obedience produces lasting results.*

Whether you are preparing for marriage, newly married, or have walked the marital journey for many years, the wisdom contained in these pages will help strengthen your understanding of God's design for the family. The principles shared here have been tested, proven, and validated by a lifetime of godly experience.

As you read, may the Holy Spirit grant you fresh insight, renewed commitment, and the grace to apply these truths in your daily life. May every misunderstanding be replaced with understanding, every conflict with peace, and every challenge with divine wisdom.

More importantly, may this book inspire you to build your marriage upon the unshakable foundation of God's Word, for it is only His wisdom that guarantees lasting success in every home.

It is our prayer that as you engage with these timeless truths, your home will become a testimony of God's faithfulness and that you will experience the joy, peace, and fulfilment of a truly hitch-free marriage.

To God be all the glory.

— Wisdom Epsi

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Main Message

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Introduction

Hebrews 13:4 (KJV)

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

Welcome to *Times of Refreshing*.

Today's topic is captioned **Vital Secrets to a Hitch-free Marriage**.

The Bible clearly states that marriage is honourable. God created it for your good and not your destruction. He ordained marriage to be hitch-free. Sadly, in today's world, the concept of a hitch-free marriage has become a mirage to many, including Christians.

But the good news is that it is possible to enjoy a hitch-free marriage because I am currently experiencing it.

Whether you are single or married, your testimony shall be stronger in Jesus' name.

Before we got married, our counsellor asked my husband what he expected from our marriage. My husband replied, "A hitch-free marriage."

Our counsellor then said, "When two people are apart, it is possible not to offend each other. But when they are together, it is impossible not to step on one another's toes."

Immediately, my husband responded, “Sir, you and I are sitting on the same couch right now. Why am I not stepping on your toes?”

The counsellor asked, “Why?”

My husband replied, “Two reasons: first, I am not blind; second, I am not wicked.”

To the glory of God, this year makes it thirty-nine years that we have been married hitch-free, and it has truly been so.

You too can enjoy a hitch-free marriage.

Let me share with you some of the vital secrets that have helped us in this area.

You will enjoy a hitch-free marriage when you are:

1. Not blind.
2. Not wicked.

Not Blind

2 Corinthians 4:4 (KJV)

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not..."

A blind mind is worse than blind eyes. Someone rightly said, *"The eyes are useless when the mind is blind."*

This is very true.

Blindness in this context does not mean physical blindness. Rather, it refers to a lack of revelation knowledge.

The Bible is the most current and comprehensive manual you and I need to enjoy a hitch-free marriage. Therefore, give it your attention.

A true revelation of Scripture concerning marriage guarantees a hitch-free experience in marriage.

Hebrews 1:3 (KJV) says:

"Upholding all things by the word of his power."

God upholds all things, including marriage, by the Word of His power.

It is this Word of God that has been our guide in our home and in our marriage. It is what has made our marriage hitch-free up till now.

Many marriages hit the rocks because the once-upon-a-time lovebirds lacked the required knowledge to keep their marriage blossoming.

Give It Attention

A Word to Husbands

Husband, listen very carefully. I want to speak to husbands right now. You will give attention to your wife when you are not blind. To give attention to your wife means:

- To take notice of her.
- To regard her as interesting and important.
- To deal with her thoughtfully.
- To take special care of her.

Think about wedding ceremonies.

At weddings, the bride is always the centre of attraction. When she walks into the hall, regardless of how many people are present, the focus immediately shifts to her. You can literally see all heads turn in her direction.

Why?

Because she is the centre of attraction. Husband, this attention does not have to end at your wedding. It should continue throughout your marriage. To enjoy a hitch-free marriage, you need to give your wife the attention she deserves.

When was the last time you took notice of your wife?

When did you last compliment her?

When did you compliment:

- Her hairstyle?
- Her dressing?
- Her appearance?
- The food she prepared?
- The way she cares for the home?
- The way she takes care of the children?

For me, I enjoy it greatly, and I know it is the same with most women. When my husband comments positively on my appearance, dressing, or looks, it makes life very interesting.

The other day, my husband was commenting on how wonderful a particular dress looked on me. Someone may ask, “Does the Bishop have time to make comments on such things?”

Why not?

It is very critical if you want to enjoy a hitch-free marriage. When you give attention to your wife, you learn to notice her, treat her as important and interesting, compliment her, care for her, and appreciate her.

Don't be on your phone when your wife is trying to talk to you. In the Bible, Esther commanded the attention of King Ahasuerus even during a very important and critical time when no one could casually approach the king.

Esther 5:2

You can even ask her about her day. Ask if she needs any help from you.

Elkanah, in the Bible, gave attention to Hannah. As a result, he noticed when she was emotionally down because she had no children.

1 Samuel 1:8

Some men demonstrate a lack of attention by forgetting important dates such as birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant occasions.

Husbands, aside from material gifts, your thoughtfulness towards your wife shows how much you care about her. For women, this is very important.

Remember the kind of attention you gave her before marriage:

- Constant calls
- Messages
- Outings
- Romantic dates
- Little gifts
- Personal moments together
- Long conversations

These things should continue in marriage. This is very important.

Isaac and Rebekah demonstrated this principle. In **Genesis 26:8**, Isaac was seen showing affection to Rebekah even after years of marriage.

Therefore, I pray right now for husbands:

In the name of Jesus Christ, grace to begin to do the needful to enjoy a hitch-free marriage, receive it in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Respect Your Husband

A Word to Wives

Now let me speak to the wife. When you are not blind, wife, you will acknowledge and respect your husband.

This is very important.

When you get married, your surname changes. You take on the name of your husband. Importantly, you must understand the revelation behind this. This understanding helped me realise why it is important to give honour and respect to my husband.

He gave you the authority to bear his name, just as you are given authority to use the name of Jesus when you become born again.

This, among other things, should earn him your respect and acknowledgement. Wisdom demands that you acknowledge your husband as the head of your home. It is commonly said that anything with two heads is a monster.

This is very true.

Do not become a monster by contending with your husband's headship in your home.

Give Your Husband His Place

Hear me, woman.

Every man wants to be respected, especially by his wife, and your husband is no exception.

There was no doubt that Sarah was loved by Abraham. One of the reasons was that she respected him and even called him lord.

1 Peter 3:6 (KJV)

Wife, learn to give your husband his place in your home.

Acknowledging, respecting, and appreciating your husband is one major way of being a true helpmeet.

The husband of the virtuous woman described in **Proverbs 31** was respected even in the gates because his wife honoured him.

You need to do the same.

As a woman, you are meant to be an ornament of beauty to your husband. However, you cover that beauty when you fail to give him his rightful place. That haughty look, secret pride, and arrogant speech must stop. Remember Michal. She incurred God's displeasure and remained barren because she mocked her husband, King David.

2 Samuel 6

That shall not be your portion. The respect you show your husband gives him the encouragement he needs to love you. Nagging, constant complaining, and a sharp tone of voice can be irritating and can make your husband unhappy. Therefore, you need to stop it. The Bible clearly states:

Proverbs 21:19 (KJV)

"It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman."

This Scripture is very important.

I think all women need to memorise it. When you allow your husband to fulfil his covenant role as head, you automatically give him room to play his God-ordained role in your life. I pray for every wife and every wife-to-be under the sound of my voice:

Grace to do the needful, receive it in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Not Wicked

James 1:22 (KJV)

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

The second secret is this: Do not be wicked. According to Bible encyclopaedias, wickedness is a mental disregard for justice, righteousness, truth, honour, virtue, and moral integrity.

This is serious.

You can become wicked when you do not practise what you know. Therefore, it is not enough to have revelation knowledge of God's principles concerning marriage. You must also practise what you know. Remember the servant who hid his talent and did nothing with it. He was called wicked.

Matthew 25:26

Wickedness is generally considered evil, sinful behaviour and disobedience to scriptural guidelines.

Remember: **Obedience may be costly, but the end result is priceless.**

As my husband, Dr David Oyedepo, often says, and as God's servant Dr Charles Stanley also taught:

"You will never go wrong obeying God."

This is critical.

For instance, whatever makes a couple engage in beating one another is wickedness. Husband, when you neglect your financial responsibilities to your family while spending lavishly on yourself, that is wickedness.

When every new thing that comes out must be bought for yourself while your family suffers, that is wickedness. It is wickedness that makes a married man or woman engage in extramarital affairs, thereby defiling the marriage bed and exposing the family to danger and God's displeasure.

Any sexual relationship outside marriage violates God's covenant and must be avoided. Wife, do you keep reminding your husband of a wrong he committed many years ago?

Do you even keep records so that you do not forget?

You need to stop.

There is nothing to gain from it. Learn to forgive so that God can forgive you. Do you nag your husband?

Do you compare him with other men?

That must stop. Do you hide your money from your husband while watching him struggle financially?

That is wickedness. If you can offer your body to your husband, you should also be willing to support him with your resources because your money is not more important than your person.

Some women even use money meant for housekeeping to satisfy selfish desires and buy unnecessary material things for themselves.

That is being heartless.

It must stop.

Conclusion

Why speak ill of your spouse in public when issues can be settled privately?

When family members and friends are present, guard your spouse's honour. It is wickedness to defraud your spouse of due benevolence in marriage. Some people even use intimacy as a weapon to punish their spouse for an offence committed. If you are in such a situation, receive grace to stop right now.

Husband and wife must understand that acquiring scriptural knowledge regarding marriage is good and beneficial, but obedience to that knowledge is what produces a successful home. Your prayers and fasting concerning marital challenges will drastically reduce—if not disappear completely—when you commit yourself to obeying scriptural principles concerning marriage.

These are the things we practise in our own home and marriage. Therefore, whether you are single or married, receive grace to do the needful in Jesus' name. Constantly seek the good of your spouse. On a daily basis, ask yourself and ask your spouse:

"What can I do for you today that will make life more interesting and make our marriage better?"

Please understand:

A hitch-free marriage is not something you find; it is something you make—and keep making—by the help of God. Grace to keep building such a marriage, receive it in Jesus' name. Every turbulent marriage, I decree:

Peace, be still!

Your marriage shall have a greater testimony. Having knowledge concerning marriage gives you an edge, but working with that knowledge brings triumph. Whether you are single or married, my prayer for you today is that as you engage these wholesome principles, you will enjoy a hitch-free marriage in Jesus' name. Amen.

Salvation Prayer

As I close, are you born again?

Bow your head and pray this prayer with me:

"Lord Jesus, I come to You today. I am a sinner. Save me. Forgive my sins. From today, I accept You as my Lord and Saviour. I am now a child of God. Thank You for saving me.

In Jesus' mighty name. Amen."

If you prayed that prayer from your heart, congratulations.

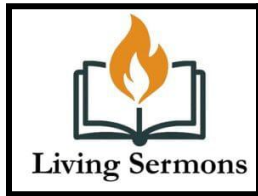
You are now born again.

Send your testimonies and remain connected to Christian fellowship and spiritual growth.

Always remember:

God is too faithful to fail.

God bless you.



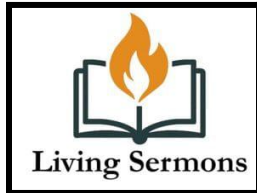
About the Speaker

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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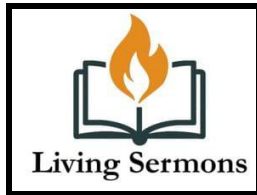
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