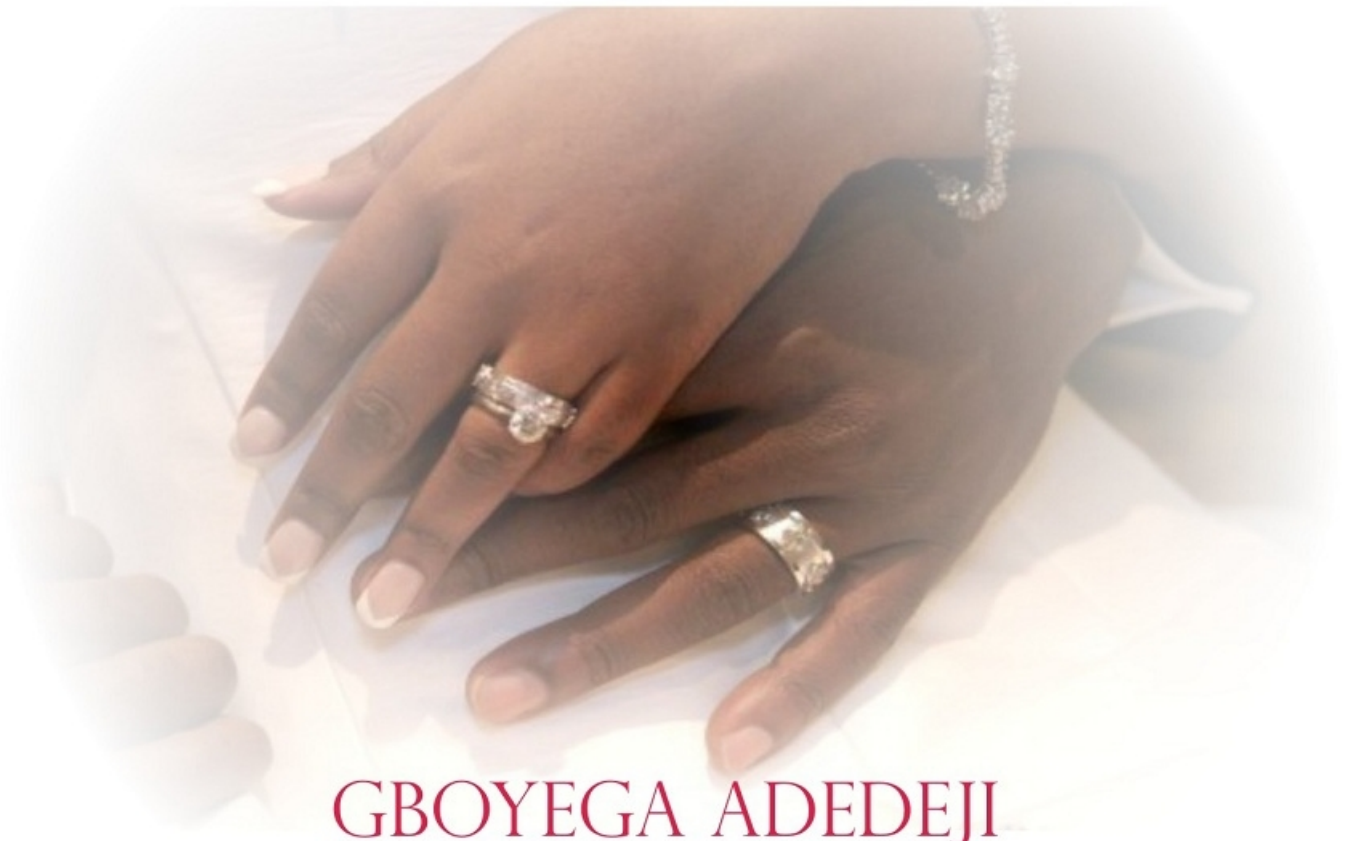




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## **DEDICATION**

I dedicate this book to God, the One who instituted and built this great edifice called marriage. His counsel and pattern for blissful union of His children on earth as proved true across generations and races. I therefore give this book back to you – its real source!

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God; who works in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure. While I might be the assigned writer of this book; I submit that this book is a buildup in time - precept upon precept and line upon line; even as God unveils the mystery of marriage to me and my wife.

I therefore appreciate the tireless and consistent effort of my beloved wife; whose life becomes the immediate model for me to discover and to appreciate this wonderful institution called *marriage*. You have made marriage easy for me and I join the whole creations of God to praise your virtue as a wife in my abode! Thank you my dearly beloved Queen!

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## **PREFACE**

While I agree that many books have been written on the subject of marriage; I equally agree that the current wave of divorce, separation and societal problems associated with single-parenting as clear indications of dearth of the truth.

In the words of Jesus, “You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free”; I therefore conclude that the seemingly bondage of marital woes all around us today are products of lack of truth among many of our writings about marriage.

While I do not intend to reinvent the wheels with this book; I believe that following the words of this small book carefully could help you gain the right perspective about marriage, helping you not only to get married as single brother or sister; but also helping you stay married as a married man or woman.

This book is therefore a mini-handbook for singles and married on the nitty-gritty of marriage; providing clear pattern for anyone to get and stay married. As you read this book, make sure you examine your own ideal marriage and compare it with what is being presented, so that you can ultimately make your own choice: For as you lay your own bed, you must sleep on it. Do enjoy your moment with me the writer of this book and with the Holy Spirit of God – the Author of its letter and spirit!

## INTRODUCTION



### What Every Single & Married Must Know About Marriage

An average undergraduate or graduate of higher institution would appreciate the necessity and simplicity of any course with 101 code. Those courses are so basic for any other courses that they are taught to the first year students of the institution. And it is usually expected to build a foundation in the minds of the students for higher learning.

More than 70% of all men and women will be married in their lifetime; hence, it is important that the subject of marriage is well addressed before each one comes into it and even while each one is in it. Marriage is so fundamental in every man's life that God commits Himself actively in every man's choice of life partner.

I understand that there are many avenues for acquiring knowledge of marriage; I also know that the best source of knowledge is God. Many marriages today are products of other marriages; when a man or woman thinks that he or she is coming close to his or her wedding date, he or she begins to come closer to other people who have been married

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for years. In such moments, he or she begins to pick up lessons about marriage and begins to ask relevant questions. This way of building marriage is good, but not fool-proof. **Wrong sampling could immediately result into wrong productions!**

For the sake of time and space, let us quickly discover marriage. However, we must know that marriage is not two people coming together; neither is it two old people coming together. In short, marriage is not just about age, and marriage is not just about two. What then is marriage? Marriage is the creation of God that bonds a male man and a female man (Woman) as one on earth for the execution of God's will and purpose on the earth.

The book of Genesis 2:18 explains the nature of the union of a man and a woman. *"And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."* And in the subsequent verses, Adam (the first man) said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man". If you observe those words very carefully, you would discover that marriage is about a man and a woman; and you would equally discover that marriage is for a purpose. Some people think that marriage is for fun, and so, when they can no longer have the expected fun, the marriage is not working. **Marriage does not stand or fall because of the availability or lack of fun; true marriages stand by and for purpose.**

Every marriage that makes any meaningful statement is the marriage that God brought about. If you read the verses very well, you would see the workings of God in every phase of the marriage. A marriage is a marriage indeed, when the man sees the wife as one taken out of him - this is very important! No marriage can stand if the man sees the wife as been separate from him, one who has only come to make life difficult or stressful for him. Best marriages are products of God, and they are products of men that see their wives as comparable helpers, and part of them.

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The point is, **if your wife or the woman you intend to marry does not fill up a vacuum in you, she might not be the right choice of God for you.** For women, you were created and built to fit some men; therefore, do not force yourself on men because, square pegs can only enter square holes. If you do not fit up while you too were courting, it will not be different even if he takes you to the altar. Many singles see the signs during courtship, but keep quiet because of "love". Only to begin their lives of complains and nagging in marriage: what you complain about now in marriage, was it not there before in courtship?

Marriage is for a purpose in the heart of God; however, fulfilling the purpose requires suitability of the woman to the man. I believe that every man is built with some deliberate needs or gaps, which every woman is designed accurately to meet or fill up. Some days ago, my Wife published some articles on Understanding in Marriage (<http://witicles.com/lack-of-understanding-313.html>), she noted emphatically that "**there are no perfect couples, but couples that understood themselves perfectly.**" If we take it from there, we could say that **God did not create "supermen", but He created women to make men appear super!**

Your wife is built to cover up your own deficiencies; if you therefore despise her simplicity or willingness to help, your folly will be clear to all. Do you remember the story of Nabal and Abigail? **That man was a fool, yet, he was married to a wise woman.** Will you call that a coincidence or a mistake? None of the two I believe! Nabal was rich, but was also foolish; you might then ask, "how did the fool gather up enough money or wealth?" Then, I will remind you that he had a wise wife! The question then is, "how was Nabal perceived by the people in the city?" I believe that he was seen as a wise rich man! However, when he began to make decision without the help of his wise wife, his folly became more pronounced to the point that his wife could no longer cover it up, but make it a public knowledge.

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In marriage, faults, mistakes, weaknesses and blames are to be covered. And that is why the Scriptures say that love does not parade itself, nor seeks its own. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8). **When a woman brings her gifts, skills, passion, drive, submission, focus, dedication, faith, hope and care to the table of any man; such a man becomes bigger and larger. In short, women are the special gifts of God to men to cover their nakedness.**

However, no woman can correctly fulfill her own purpose in marriage if she is not correctly suited for the man; and if she is not cleaved to the man. You see, some women are gifted, blessed and humble; however, their relevance and value is more tilted towards their earlier families. **Every marriage is about total leaving for cleaving.** Whenever any couple refuses to leave completely to cleave completely, the marriage suffers from the shame of nakedness and purposelessness.

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## THE MARRIAGE SECRET

According to the book of **Genesis 2:22-23**, God created and formed marriage by creating the first woman, who was created and formed to be a suitable and comparable help for man. From that Scripture, God took a RIB from man, and from it, He formed the woman who was expected to become one with man in a holy matrimony for the execution of the purpose of God on the earth. If we observe the response of Adam to the product of the RIB, you will see the implication of RIB - what it is and what it is expected to do! Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh..." The RIB in that context meant the bone that was extracted from Adam, but in the context of this article, **RIB** stands for **Right In Bed!**

*Marriage is honourable among all, and **the bed** undefiled.....*

**Hebrews 13:4**

One thing must be taken from this Scriptures, the RIB was the basis for the emergence of the woman - the woman emerged through the rib; therefore, **the discovery of God's will for marriage must equally pass through the path of the rib**. When I was in the University, the Lord instructed me that there may be many ladies around me, but only one woman is my rib; He did not stop there, but went further to help me understand my rib. He told me that there may be many beautiful ladies around the world, even in their billions, but only one woman is Right in Bed - RIB!

Many ladies could be great in bed, only my own rib is right in bed. And remember, marriage is honourable among all, and the bed undefiled. Whatever is not right is definitely wrong; hence, every other woman in the world is wrong in bed for me; except the woman that He leads me to. And I must say very emphatically that He did not leave me at that phase stranded on my own, but led me to the RIB of my life - Omolara Adedeji!

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Many women could be good to meet, listen to, teach, mentor, or be mentored by; but only one woman is your RIB. The foundation of the LORD stands sure, the rib that brought forth Eve for Adam is the same foundation for the emergence of your own wife: for only your wife, the wife of your youth that is your RIB - Right In Bed!

To the single brothers or guy, you must accept this reality; otherwise, you will be like a wind tossed to and fro by *every wind of attractions* out the. You must know that only one woman is right for you - hence, beauty, care, attention notwithstanding, other women are wrong in your bed!

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COSTLY PRESUMPTIONS IN MARRIAGE

**P**resumptions are certain things that are accepted without proof or verification.

In life, we presume many things and many people; sometimes we are right, but many times, we are wrong. One would have expected that we would have learnt our lessons about our daily presumptions, but the general spread of presumptions among us is evidence to the truth about our inclination towards learning. Usually, **it is easy to presume, but it is often more expensive and dangerous to presume.**

The marriage institution like many other institutions has had a great share of our presumptions. However, we must know that presumptions are not always correct, even though they are usually known and acceptable. Over the next few paragraphs, we would be examining certain costly presumptions in and about marriage, which most of us are guilty or victims of. Some of the presumptions include, but not limited to the following:

### **1) We Presume That Every Married Person Is Responsible**

To be responsible is to be worthy of responsibility or trust. Sometime ago, while in the University, my wife, who was my friend then, called me to meet her in the room of her friend (who was and is equally my friend). When I got there, I sat down - but before sitting down, I removed my shoes and was only left with the socks. After talking with them for a while, suddenly, my wife looked at me a bit more and saw my socks, and she said almost immediately, **"Wow, you are looking responsible"** - actually, that was in an evening! The point am making here is that, being responsible and being seen as responsible are two different things. It is therefore possible that a man or woman that is presumed to be responsible may not be in reality.

Oftentimes, when we see married couples, something tells us that this woman is a responsible woman, and this man is a responsible man. However, it is a known truth today that not all married men are as responsible as they look, and not all married women are as responsible as they look. The statistic is already overwhelmed by married men that

are daily busy looking for ladies and girls to spend their business and leisure time with. We must not also forget the cases of married women who appear unsatisfied from home. The question is, **"if all married men and women are responsible - worthy of trust, why do we continually have cases of adultery and unfaithfulness in marriage?"**. My advise to young women is therefore, to be careful in their approach to or conduct with married men, not being gullible - for EVERY married man is not worthy of trust!

## **2) We Presume That Every Married Person Knows What To Do**

Knowing what to do daily, weekly, monthly and yearly, may look like a normal product of planning, which any man or woman can learn. But I believe that a man or woman must be wise and understanding to know what to do per time. A lot of marriages are shaken daily because the husband expect the wife to know what to do, while the wife equally expect her husband to know what to do. I am of the opinion therefore, that knowing what to do is not exclusive to the married, but to the wise and discerning. While you do not need to be married to be wise and discerning, you may be married and not be wise and discerning. Right judgments and wise decisions are not picked up on the marriage altars, but in the presence of the Lord. You may be married for decades without good judgment, while a just married couple who had been established in wisdom and understanding will make right choices.

Some days ago, during the collation exercise of the Presidential election in Nigeria at the International Conference Centre in Abuja, a man (definitely married) raised a point of observation, but ended up taking every other person as hostage for around 30 minutes, shouting and creaming and abusing the institutions of government. After the incidence, a woman on Channels TV remarked that what that man did was what a 2 year old could or ought to do. In short, he behaved like a 2 year old toddler. It therefore means that wisdom and understanding is not for all married men and women, but for every man and woman that seeks for them.

### **3) We Presume That Marriage Makes Every Person New**

Somehow, we also presume that every new couple is a new creation; therefore, each couple has become new. While God expect the two to become one new identity, I believe that the individual difference or peculiarities may take some time before it becomes subsumed in the new united identity.

Meanwhile, not every person is new in marriage; however, every person is a new creation in marriage. An easily angered woman may not become easy going just automatically, but in time, if such woman allows God to work on her, she will change in marriage. An ego-driven man may not suddenly change in marriage, but with the special workings of God's Spirit, he will change in marriage. In short, change is marriage, but it is gradual; hence, until then, a man or woman may still be or behave like the old times.

### **4) We Presume That Every Married Person Is Married**

This may appear like a joke, but it is not! I have discovered that not every married man or woman is actually married. Sometimes, being married or being known as married may be like a title, which a man or woman may have without the substance. Usually, we call some people Honourables in our society: Honourable Minister, Honourable member of the House, etc.; however, we know that being honourable is not exactly the same with being called honourable.

A man is married because he has become one with his wife; however, when a man becomes two (**two ideas, two purpose, two principle, two orientation, two vision and two passion**) with his wife, such a man is no longer married. Do you know that have of divorce cases are often reported; the remaining cases are in our streets, churches and cities. Some so-called married couples sleep in two different rooms, drive two different cars, go to two different churches, submit to two different authorities and in extreme cases, votes for two different parties like APC/PDP. To be truly married, a man and his wife must be completely one in EVERYTHING!

### **5) We Presume That A Marriage Is Not Fruitful Until We See Children**

The last on this list, but not the least is the presumption that children are the fruits of any marriage and when a marriage does not bear children, it is not fruitful. It is a myth and it is from little understanding of the purpose of God for marriage. Without doubt, God expects a man and a woman to procreate, but producing offspring after one's kind is not the only dimension of fruitfulness in marriage. Fruitfulness in marriage is any idea, project, business, organization, mission or cause, child, invention and contribution of a man and his wife.

The point is, the fruit of marriage is the product of the interaction of a man and his wife. Every time you interact with your wife, in whatever form, the product of such interaction is the fruit of your marriage. Sometimes, the product may be conception of babies or conception of vision or ideas. Whatever the marriage conceives is the fruit of that marriage. For the record, the fruits of the marriage of Dr. David and Faith Oyedepo are not just the children (both spiritual and biological), but also Living Faith Church, Covenant University, Landmark University, Kingdom Heritage Schools, WOFBI, and countless others. The story is the same for Pastor Enoch and Folu Adeboye - there fruitfulness is endless.

If you think therefore that your marriage is not fruitful because you are not yet carrying children in your hands, you must rethink and begin to appreciate God for the ideas He has blessed your marriage with.

In conclusion, your children are not part of your marriage, but products of your marriage - please, do not bring them into it! A rope of three cords the Scripture says is not easily broken.

Therefore, if God is the third cord of the rope of your marriage, it will not be broken at all. Your marriage will stand the test of time if you make only God the partner

in your marriage. In short, no man or woman is qualified to join your marriage, not even your children - safe the Lord God. Your marriage will stand in Jesus name!

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MARRIAGE MUST GETS

**M**arriage is honourable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge... were the affirmations of the LORD from the book of Hebrews 13:4. "*Marriage is honourable among all*" shows that marriage is not the only thing; but the most honourable. It therefore means that every marriage should be established on certain **codes of honour** for its blissfulness and its fulfillment.

Marriage is not any human's idea; hence, the secrets of blissful marriage cannot be learnt in the schools or institutions of men. The best marriages are not man-made; but God-made: For God established marriage Himself.

According to the book of Genesis 1:26, the Scripture says, "*Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;...'*" If you observe closely, you would realize that God used some words that connotes that He was not acting as a unit; but a unity. "Us", "Our image", "Our likeness" informs us that **although we are individuals, we are One, in purpose, identity and power**. That is Marriage! God instituted marriage and He is the perfect model of marriage.

If you consider the composition of man, you will realize that a man is made up of **spirit, soul and body**; yet the three are inseparable – that is marriage. True marriage is not a contract that can be terminated or dissolved. True marriage is not about two people that fulfill two agendas in two different ways – instead, true marriage is for life and for a purpose.

Beyond that, it is important that the single brothers and sisters that desire this covenant of life as a one entity, to get a few things into them, before they get married; the things are listed briefly below:

## 1. Get Purpose:

Marriage is not about two; but about one – the two shall become one. And really, nothing helps two people to become one faster than purpose. Before you get married, you must get the purpose for your living, which the marriage is expected by God to fulfill. This is especially true for the men. However, if the Lord is the architect of your union; the purpose of God for a sister should be aligned with that of the brother. I am of the opinion that if the two of you really know why God has created and formed you in your family, and nation – your marriage is supposed to make your purpose one.

The point is, your purpose as brother and the purpose of the sister **must together form a single sense in God**. God is bringing you two together for the purpose; hence, the quickest step to knowing God's will for your life partner is to know your own purpose for living.

## 2. Get Matured:

*“Through wisdom is a house built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.”* – (Proverbs 24:3-4). Marriage will not stand if the two coming together lack wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Marriage is not about age; but about the right accumulation of the required wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

Maturity is about tolerance, patience, faithfulness, joy, peace, love, long-suffering, goodness and self-control. Maturity is not being right all the time; nor is it about having your way all the time – but by understanding issues and responding in understanding. True riches comes from your maturity; therefore, don't just seek to get rich; seek to get matured – riches will follow!

### 3. Get Prepared:

The best indicator of expectation is preparation. Therefore, don't tell me how expectant you are about getting married; I will know your expectation by your preparation. Today, emphasis is on a glorious wedding – yet, marriage is the days, weeks, months and years beyond the wedding. Be wise!

### 4. Get Values:

The more you are clear about your purpose, the more you will be clear about your values. Your values include your life guards and guides – the principles that you cannot compromise on. And your values include your gifts, unique strengths and capabilities. Before you get married, be clear about all of them.

### 5. Get Busy:

According to the book of Proverbs 14:23, “*In all labour there is profit, but idle chatter leads only to poverty.*” You may not be **where** you saw yourself in (your vision); and you may not be **doing** all what you desired to be doing (your mission); however, you must get busy where you are with what you have. Don't wait to be a great man or woman before you attempt great things. Get to work for your greatness to come!

# 4



## BONDING IN MARRIAGE

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**Marriage** is a global phenomenon that has become a victim of media criticisms and debates. At one extreme of the divide is the opinion that marriage is a necessary evil; at the other extreme is the opinion that marriage is a necessary good. However, there is a general understanding of the influence of marriage on societies and the attitude of people that come out of it.

**Marriage** literally implies union, but the true implication of marriage is the Union of a male and a female module of human. Man was created by God to exercise dominion on earth over the creations of God. But before man could get any significant thing done; God made a statement that created the first and the perfect model marriage in the history of man.

...And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*" **Genesis 2:18**

That Scripture above is the foundation for the emergence of marriage and woman. Hitherto, man was alone, living and working out the will of God as God's empowered ambassador or envoy on earth; but at that moment, God, who had earlier said that everything that He had created was good - noted that it was not good that man should be alone. Loneliness in life and in work is never the will of God for man; God desired and still desires that every man become united with the purpose and the gift of God for his life and destiny.

If you observe that Scripture very carefully, you would see that **marriage was not man's idea; and it was not a product of prayer or careful planning.....rather, it was God's creative and proactive idea.** You see, at that point, Adam had not yet complained of loneliness; and he did not ask God for it. However, God moved ahead of him to make provision for his future needs - not even want. Adam needed a woman in his life, but at that point, he did not even know it; however, God provided the woman.

That tells me very strongly that man did not invent marriage, and marriage is not a choice; nor a luxury. **Marriage is a necessity, but unlike those who think that marriage is a necessary evil; I have discovered that the experience of every man is a product of his expectation. If you think marriage is a necessary evil, you will surely experience evil all your days in marriage; however, if you understand that marriage is a necessary good, then, good will not cease in your union.**

The strength of any marriage is in its originality and sincerity. If your marriage is not a right or truthful marriage, you will not have a strong impact or life on earth. These days, different things bring people (I mean males and females) together; some marriages come to be because some people commanded the couples to marry; some marriages also come to be to settle old scores; and some marriages are products of politics. However, **I have discovered that it is what BRINGS a marriage together that KEEPS it together.**

When I was courting my wife - Omolara; I had a particular understanding that helped me. I knew that if I had to beg her to marry me; I will need to beg her daily to stay with me in marriage. Let me ask you, "What is the need for marriage when the couples never intended to **STAY** and **STICK** together?" Many marriages have come and gone, and we have heard to stories of people that only marry for a stipulated period of time. What is pity? Marriage was inaugurated by God to ERADICATE man's loneliness and to PROVIDE a suitable (comparable) helper to man.

Unfortunately, some people have gone astray in their own modeling of Marriage; they now use marriage to achieve their own agenda. Remember, it was God that gave the man a work to do; and He went ahead to provide him with a suitable helper for his life and his work. But today, many people now use marriage to achieve their personal ambitions. Most people will not bother knowing the person that God had designed and fabricated for their life and work; they simply go around shopping for wives and husbands as if they are buying horses or cars.

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And the truth is, if you "buy" your wife with money; she will only stay with you as long as you have more money. In short, **WHATEVER** or **WHOEVER** bring you and your partner together, will equally **KEEP** or **GLUE** you together. True marriages are not contracts or products that expire with or in time; true marriages are God-made; they are for life!

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MARITAL BLISS

**M**arriage is an institution established by God for the establishment of God's will on the earth; and because no man invented it, no man can also dissolve or destroy it. The "best" any man or group can do with marriage is to describe it; and if your guess is like mine; they will only describe marriage to the proportion of their observations or experimentations. The point is, **no man knows marriage like God; and no man's word should be a final one except God's.**

As a result of the huge responsibility imposed by God on every marriage; God also made efforts to bless the marriage - **invoking the power of productivity, reproductively, increase, and influence on it.** That is, every marriage instituted by God is a direct beneficiary of the power of God for *productivity, reproductively, increase and influence* on the earth. That is the reason why every marriage in God is unstoppable on the earth. In fact, marriage is the agency of God for reflecting the image and likeness of God on the earth. And because of that, marriage is equally the work of God that has suffered attack from the powers of darkness the most.

Studies have revealed that broken marriages have resulted into broken lives of children and spouses. Children of broken homes have shown the greatest chance of reproducing the same brokenness in their own marriages. You see, when an inventor creates a thing; the best an imitator can do is to recreate the thing - and when they do; they often omit crucial components or sections of such things; therefore, resulting to the production of fakes in the market. The point is, the best the world system can do is to recreate marriage; and the effect of that is to have more fake marriages in our streets and cities.

When God created marriage; He gave the couples **the capacity for beauty and honour.** Each couple beholds beauty and honour in themselves; thus, creating a continuous atmosphere for love and respect as enjoined by Apostle Paul in the book of

Ephesians 5 – Husbands loving their **OWN wives**; and wives submitting to (honouring) their **OWN husbands**.

The world system forbids such; hence, every marriage recreated by the world system struggles to conform to the perfect pattern of beauty and honour. The word of God teaches that a man should love his wife; but the world system does not help him to know how; while the word of God teaches a woman to submit to her own husband, the world system tells her not to be a fool. Indeed, the world system struggles with the will of God.

**There is beauty inside every woman**; but you must think to discover it. Equally, there is honour inside every man; but only by thoughts can you know it. Therefore, the reason for your complete disregard for the beauty of your wife is not because she is not beautiful; but because you have refused to acknowledge that she is made in the image and likeness of God and that she is the only ONE duly fabricated, coated and placed to meet your needs as a ready and able helper. Once you remember who she is really, you will LOVE her.

**Inside that man is honour**; and the moment you remember that your birth was ONLY necessitated by his purpose or relevance on the earth; you would realize that he is the reason why you are still HERE! The purpose of God for every man is the reason why he lives; and the purpose of God for every man is the reason why every woman lives. Thus, when men cease to have a purpose for living; women will not be required. When those thoughts flow through your heart; then, you will find it easy and "natural" to honour or respect your OWN husband.

Woman, I know that you are truly beautiful; but that man is the reason for your beauty; why will you not honour that in his life? God took time to make you so attractive and sensitive; all in a bid to bring that man to you....will you not appreciate it and honour him? Will you not respect him for making your necessary?

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Man of God, it is true that God brought you here for a purpose; it is true that you were built in such a powerful and authoritative manner so as to represent God effectively on the earth. However, you must remember to acknowledge that your existence or living is not yet complete without God's beauty on your work. The woman in your life is not there for fun, but for function; God has sent her to beautify your life and your works; wouldn't you love your OWN wife just as yourself?

When you do not have enough energy to love your wife; **look into her eyes through this invisible sight of beauty, and your love for her will be rekindled** year after year; and decade after decade. The same thing for women, **the honour of your OWN husband is not negotiable, it is a necessity.** Honour him and live!

# 6



DIRECT BELGIUM VS NEW PRODUCT

**T**he purpose of man on earth is not marriage; however, marriage is God's designed, fabricated and established vehicle for the conveyance of man through life onto purpose fulfillment. I have found out that there are Belgium parts or products of vehicles and there are new parts. Each time I ask a mechanic or spare part dealer about the price of a car part; I am usually confronted with another question: "Do you want a Belgium spare part or a new spare part".

Ordinarily, a thoughtful man would immediately say, I want new spare part. However, if you bother to ask for the price differentials, then, you would realize the irony in auto parts. I am often told that the new parts are cheaper than the Belgium parts. What then are the Belgium parts?

Belgium parts are not necessarily vehicle parts produced in Belgium as a country; but they are vehicle parts that are designed, fabricated and popularized (distributed) by the original manufacturers. The new parts on the other hand, are the parts that are produced by other companies, who not the real inventors of the product. New parts are like make-shift arrangements that are available and affordable, and promises to work till you find the original parts. In short, Belgium may not be new, but they are called "follow-come parts".

Most experienced mechanics do not recommend, nor buy new spare parts for their clients; they are aware of the short-span of such brands and they are equally aware that everything that glitters is not gold. Marriage is the product designed, fabricated and established (distributed) by God; but there are many newer versions of marriage, which are imitations of the real thing. Marriage itself is not new; neither are its principles new. However, imitators of marriage have filled the marketplace (our societies and churches) with adulterated versions of the real thing. To some, the new kinds of marriages are good,

but the regrets of many people that have adopted such styles, principles and orientations of marriage are pointers to its weaknesses and ineffectiveness.

**Marriage is not a product that can be purchased on the shelf and returned because it does not work; once purchased, marriage cannot be returned.** Hence, everyone that intends to be married must be careful in the manner of marriage they step into. The people from my part of the country often say that it not the person that the car hits that will get the plate number of the car...In short, it is very difficult to returned a faulty marriage to the shelves of life.

New ideas are not always better than the old ones; neither are newer options always better. Many people have regretted their decisions to divorce their spouses: they only found out that the man or woman they thought was too difficult to live with, was even much better than the man or woman they are latter got hooked up with.

**We often appreciate what we do not have, and get disdained by familiarity of what we have. We so much of the new that we are eager to discard the old; not knowing that the old is the best, strongest, stable and balanced sole option designed by the manufacturer.** God has designed marriage so perfectly; and yours can only be perfect to the degree of your alignment with His plans, purpose, ideas, principles and styles. Embrace His will for your life in marriage; knowing that well painted products are not always better, stronger, lasting and enduring than the old or even neglected ones.

Do not neglect God's choice for your marriage because of your own perception of him or her; if God has approved him or her, then, that is the best gift for your life....Embrace him or her for your own sake!

# 7



WISDOM FOR VIRTUOUS WOMEN

## ONENESS IN MARRIAGE

According to the book of Hebrews 13:4, Marriage is honourable among all...adultery most never be found in it. From the book of Genesis 2:15-25, we understand that marriage is no man's idea; instead, it is the special creation of God for the fulfillment of His purpose on earth. It therefore suggests that the best idea for the stability, prosperity and fulfillment of any marriage can only be sourced in God and established by God.

Some people believe that marriage is not easy; and quite a good number of people across the nations of the earth would rather remain unmarried instead of entering into their presumably frustrating institution called marriage. I believe that your perspective and disposition can make or mar your marriage. If you think that your wife is a witch, you will hardly desire to love her; and if you think your husband hates you; you will scarcely want to respect him. The point is, how you see your husband or wife can determine your posture with or against him.

According to God's design, marriage is supposed to be a reflection of God on earth. What do I mean by that? We know that God is the Father, we also know that God is the Holy Spirit, and we know that God is the Son; however we do know that the three are One. The Scripture from the book of Genesis 1:26 reveals important truth for every married couple:

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion..."*

From that Scripture, we could see some important keywords like: Us, Our, image, likeness, them...." The point is, despite that fact that God is the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit; and He used the word 'Us', 'Our'; He also used some very important words to eliminate the plurality of the God-head - image, likeness. Despite their plurality, God did not say, our 'images' or our 'likenesses'. The truth is, the perfect image of every marriage

is the image of the God-head; the undivided image of LOVE. Marriage is expected to reflect this undivided nature of the God-head.

With that in mind, let us now look into the reason for this article. Because the wife is created and formed as the suitable helper to the husband, sometimes, virtuous women find it a little challenging to demand things that please their hearts from their husbands - due to their submission. But I found an important lesson for the virtuous women that can help them to get their desires approved easily by their husbands.

*.....Then the king said to me, "What do you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favour in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my father's tomb, that I may rebuild it." Then the king said to me (the queen also sitting beside him), "How long will our journey be? And when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.*

**Nehemiah 2:4-6**

Wisdom for the virtuous women indeed! Do you know that your husband is also a king; the earlier you discover that the better; and as his helper and queen, you must know how to approach or demand (request) things from him - no matter how big or small. You may think that your husband is one of the most difficult people in the world; but I believe very strongly that if you meditate on the worlds of Nehemiah before the king; you will discover the timeless wisdom you must embrace to please your husband and get almost anything from him.

No matter how urgent or important or insignificant the request might be, before you tell your husband about it; pray to the god of heaven - no matter how short or how long the prayer might be; then, in the confidence you have received from God, tell your husband about it; and be sure, his heart will be pleased with you. Remember, no matter how important the request might be to you; until your husband is pleased with you; he

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cannot be pleased with your request...in short, you are the one that sanctifies every matter or request you present to your husband.

Your marriage doesn't have to be stressful or difficult; treat him as a king; and you will enjoy the benefit of queens all the days of your life.

# 8



TOILET-LOVE SYNDROME

**M**arriage is precious SUBSTANCE that was not created by humans, but CONSUMED by humans. Every man and woman, irrespective of gender, influence, affluence or color is a product of marriage. It is also known that societies are products of marriages. We have come to realize that the best critics of marriage are incidentally products of marriages.

We all came from marriages, but many people do not know or understand the source of marriage. Marriage, I must admit is not an idea; neither is it stage of life, which everyone must get to. Marriage is an institution - an establishment by royal will and statute that is legal and loving. We were all sourced in marriages; hence, we are all sourced in the royal will and love-full legal establishment.

Marriages that lack these crucial elements - Royal will, love and the law is perhaps a **pseudo-marriage**, which will produce pseudo societies and people.

After God created the earth, He created man to be in charge; but after a short while, God said, "It is not good for man to be alone, I will make a helper, suitable for him". If you read between the lines, you will discover that God is the source of the marriage, and He is the Sole One that makes helpers for men as suitable companions. It is also clear that every woman is created, fabricated, fashioned and formed to help every man so assigned by God.

The big thing here is, it is not a woman that makes a decision of who to help; neither is the man. God is the one who takes responsibility to making suitable companions on the earth for the purpose of marriage; and He alone knows how to connect any man with his helper and companion. But in instances where men take it upon themselves to scout for ladies around - they actually end up finding ladies, but missing helping companions.

Women are wired by God to provide both companionship and help; however, haphazard matching of men and women by men and women will end up producing conflicting marriages and pseudo-marriages.

What then is Toilet-Love Syndrome? By virtue of our makeup - how God designed us, we eat what whatever we feel like eating, whenever we feel like eating them. However, after a while, we **FEEL PRESSED** from inside, and we become restless until we find a **REST ROOM**. We so much **LOVE** rest-rooms, but only when **PRESSED**. I also discover that we **LOVE** rest-rooms so much when **PRESSED** that we do not always **CARE** about the cleanliness of a rest-room before using it. And guess what, after **EASING** ourselves, the last places we want to stay in are the **REST-ROOMS!** What a place?

*....Now when she had brought them to him to eat, "he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."*

*But she answered him, "No, my brother, do not force me, for no such thing should be done in Israel. Do not do this disgraceful thing... However, he would not heed her voice; and being stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her. Then Amnon **HATED** her **EXCEEDINGLY**, so that the **HATRED** with which he **HATED** her was greater than the **LOVE** which he had **LOVED** her. And Amnon said to her, "**Arise, be gone!**"*

## **2 Samuel 13:1-15**

Can you begin to imagine the number of women that men said, "**Arise, be gone!**" to? The truth is, many women are in silent pains, which they think they must endure. Some even tell themselves, "But he **LOVED** me!" I am not saying that those guys did not and do not love them; I am only saying as inspired now that the guys had and has **TOILET-LOVE** for them.

**Toilet-Love** is the kind of love that is used or engaged or called upon to satisfy an imminent or present urge of men. I must be clear, some few men are also victims - when

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ladies tell them to lie with them, just as Potiphar's wife wanted Joseph. What will you call such love? That was a toilet-love!

If any woman, irrespective of her education, age, "spirituality" or experience marries on the basis of a toilet-love; such a woman will groan in silence for life. Toilet-love cannot be trusted for a lasting, selfless and tolerant relationship. Have you wondered while your husband frowns with you daily, but smiles for 10 minutes on the bed?

You cannot continue to fool yourself that maybe he will change; it is not just his attitude, neither is it just understanding. It is his spirit! Love is God and God is Spirit; therefore any kind of love that is not the true love that is sourced in God is a spirit that is not sourced in God. Do not stay close to any man or woman who claims to love you, but only shows it when **PRESSED!**

Marriage is an endless journey of life and purpose; you cannot afford to be living in cheat or dying in love. You are a product of Love, God founded marriage on HIMSELF; hence, only by through **genuine LOVE** can any marriage be effective and correctly fruitful. Will you break off from the shackles of toilet-love syndrome today, or are you going to be smeared by it? It is your choice; I have made mine to share this burning revelation with you from my spirit - I just hope that your spirit receives it! I am happily married to my Wife and Queen Omolara Oluwaseun. I can only hope for more opportunities to make her joyful and fruitful in God's purpose for us as His representatives on earth!

# 9



## STAYING MARRIED DESPITE THE ODDS

The silent question in the mind of most singles isn't just *how to get married*, although, that is a great matter. The question usually is *how can I stay married?* We live in a world of multiple choices, to the extent that an entertainment firm even calls itself "**MultiChoice**". A society as such as we live in can at best produce people that change and change things and their commitments regularly. **How then can one get married in this pluralized society and stay married?**

Staying married for men however does not include marrying more wives, while the first remains. **Staying married means keeping your first love as your last love.** Remember the Scripture in the book of Malachi chapter 2. I know many people believe that Malachi represents **tithe**; but I know that Malachi equally reveal the heart of God concerning **marriage**. God was very emphatic against any man that does treacherously against the wife of his youth. Marriage usually take place in the youthful years; hence, forsake your youthful marital vows with your wife; in order to get another woman into your life is considered as treachery by God - with great consequences.

*And the LORD caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.*


*And Adam said:*

***"This is now bone of my bones  
And flesh of my flesh;  
She shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man."***

*Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and **BE JOINED** to his wife and they shall **BECOME** one flesh.*

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The Scripture above is self-revealing; however, there are many hidden secrets embedded in each verse written above. Marriage came into being because a portion of the life and essence of the man was taken to form a woman; who was created to complete the man. Imagine that, **the man was "reduced" in the process of time through life experiences; but was "added" in marriage.**

Every man is incomplete without the wife of his youth assigned to him by God who created him. **Every man becomes complete when he finally meets his completing self - his wife!** However, when any man separates himself from his wife of his youth; he becomes irreparably divided forever. Hence, God says 

Therefore, staying married is not one of your options in life; it is your sole option. **You either stay married or live a dead life.** For God sake, *what is the essence of living a divided life?* You see, when a man finally meet and get together with his completing self in time; the two then become one in time. **When they become one, if any of them chooses to be separate from the union; such person and the other become divided entities, with divided vision, orientation, purpose and destiny. They become .5 people walking across the earth.** I saw the advert of a movie sometime ago, they call the movie, **"Walking Dead"**.... *That is the exact description of divorced people across the nations.* Sometimes, they think they can have a new life by marrying another person somewhere else; but in reality, they never successfully become one with anybody again.

Let us do a little exercise, imagine that you have a piece of building block in your hands; and incidentally, it gets divided. If you look very carefully, the division will usually follow a direction - slanting direction. **Can you then bring just any other broken block to make that block one again?** I believe your answer is no; in same vein, only the divided pieces of the block can come together again to form a union over time.

The process of becoming one either again or for the first time is our priority in this short article. The pieces of broken block can come together again and stay together, if the

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two agrees to be **cemented** together and **watered** and **dried** by the sun for a period of time. You see, **effective oneness take time, sacrifice, tolerance, endurance and God.** You two can only become one **if and when** you both agree to become one, and you both allow God to make you one. While that is done, you two must accept each other the way God has made you two over time: **for in your diversity lies the strength of your compatibility and complementarity.**

God did not make you and your wife or husband the same. You do not have same or equal build-up or make-up. In fact, you are so different from her that she is a female, while you are a male - even the name suggests difference. **However, your difference was not expected to be an irreconcilable difference; instead, it was meant to be a complementing and completing difference.** She was made to be strong where you appear to be weak; in fact, God designed her so carefully that **she can cover up** your shame without the knowledge of your friends and family.

While spending a part of my day with a welder, I found out that pieces of strong metal could be joined together as easily as possible. However, the pieces must first be melted by the heater at the joining points. I then discover that staying together in marriage can only come when the couples have become one; and the couple will only become one when they have allowed themselves to be melted together through *both* tough and easy times. **Tough times are not avoidable in marriage; but when sailed through together in the spirit of oneness, it melts the couples further together in oneness of heart, mind, body, spirit and purpose.**

There will surely be times when you wonder in your heart about the future of the Union; but in such moments, you must stay close to the word of the Lord and remember the words He had given for the marriage, even before it started. True marriages face challenges, but they get over the challenges together.

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Enough of third parties in your marriage; and if you are still single, you must only allow God into the marriage - remember, a rope of three cords is not easily broken. **How will it be if your marriage is a rope of three cords with God as the third cord?** Such marriage will never be broken!

When challenges come, don't forsake your husband or wife in search for greener pasture; seek the Lord's help together - and usually, when the Lord answers your prayer in oneness; He will send help through one of the couple. Why then do you think abandoning him or her at such a time as this is the solution. **Stay together and enjoy the love, attention, help, Lordship of God together in the spirit of oneness.**

I want to thank God for the opportunity to share these burning words with you. I must say that my wife - Omolara encouraged me to write this particular article. May the Lord continue to keep her in **my love** and in **the love of the Lord** in Jesus name. I love you Omolara Adedeji!

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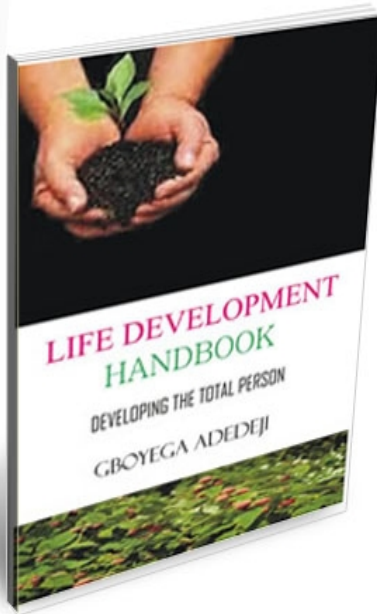
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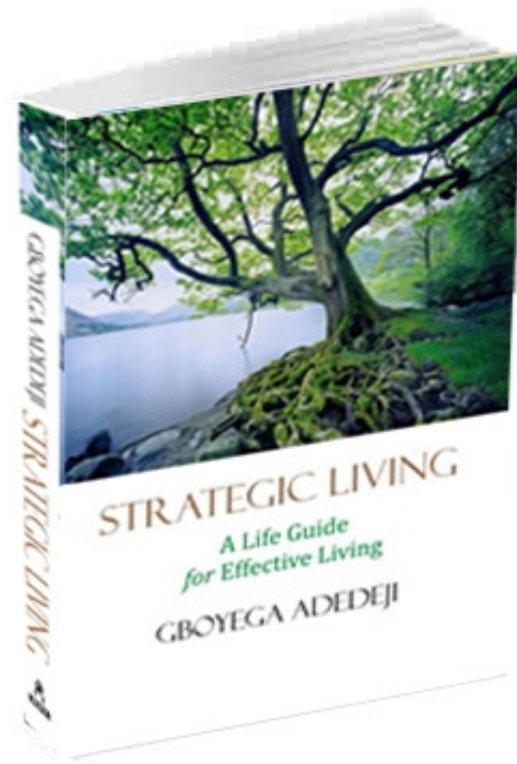


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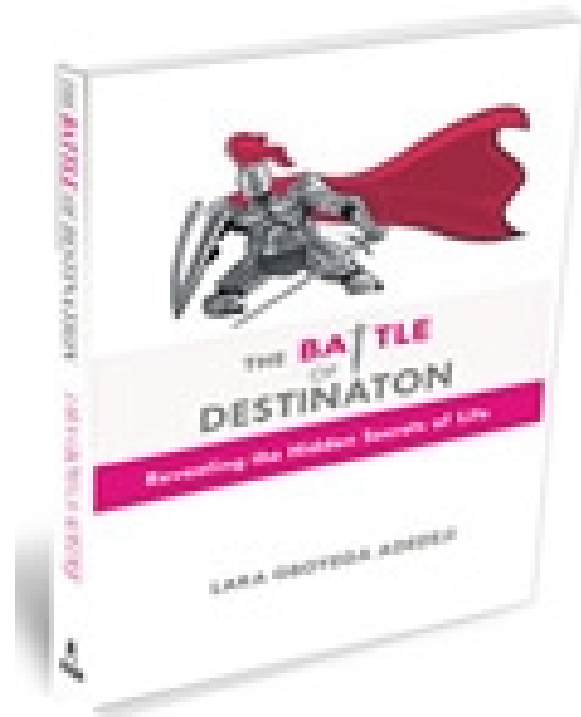


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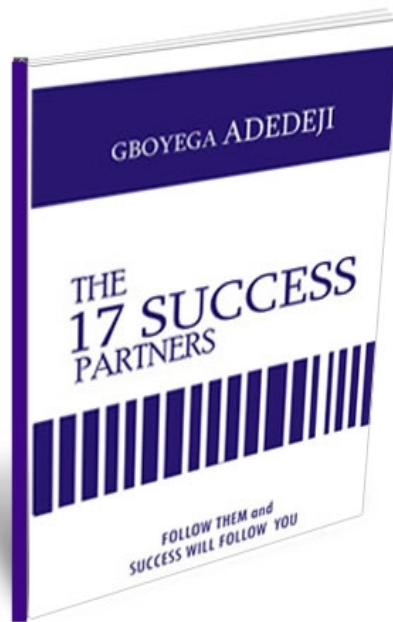


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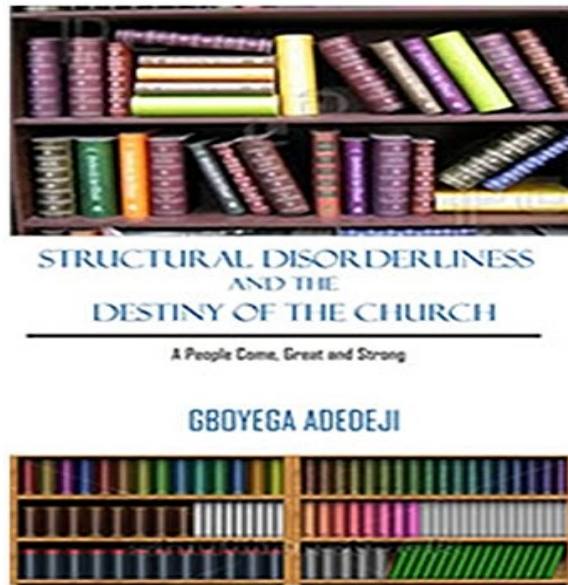


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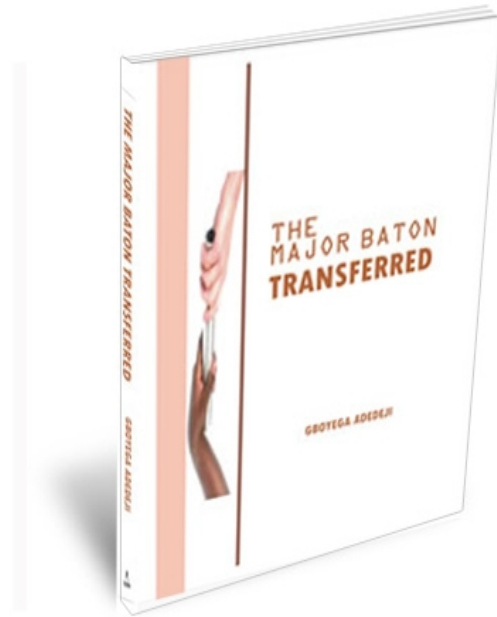


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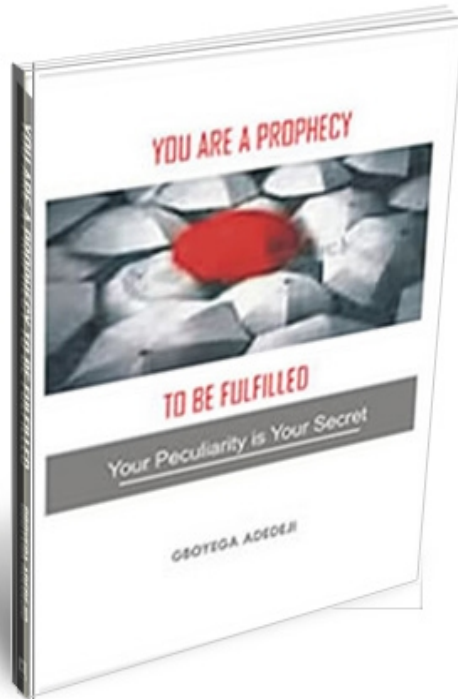


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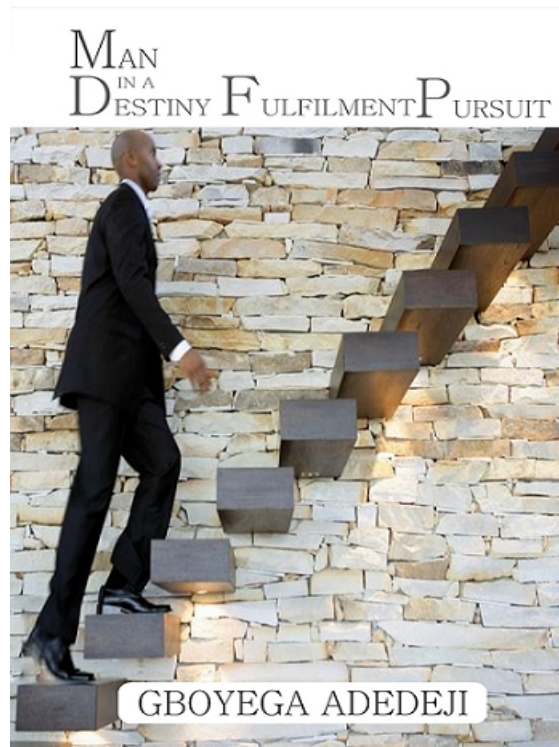


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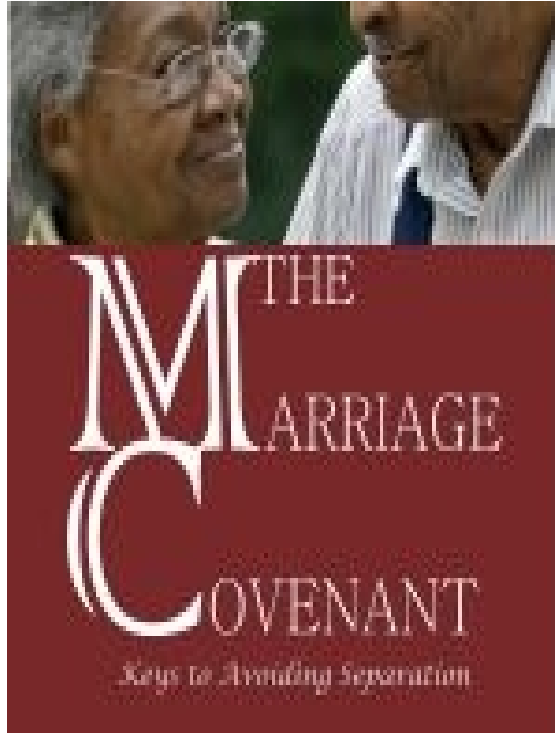


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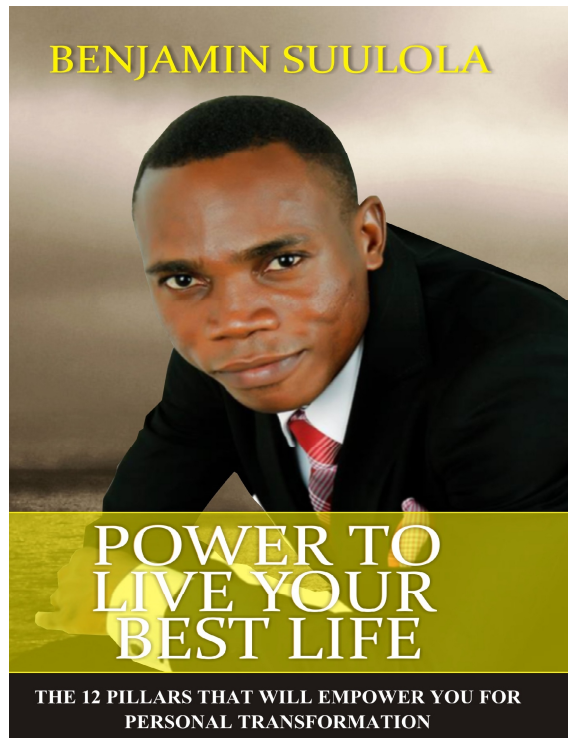


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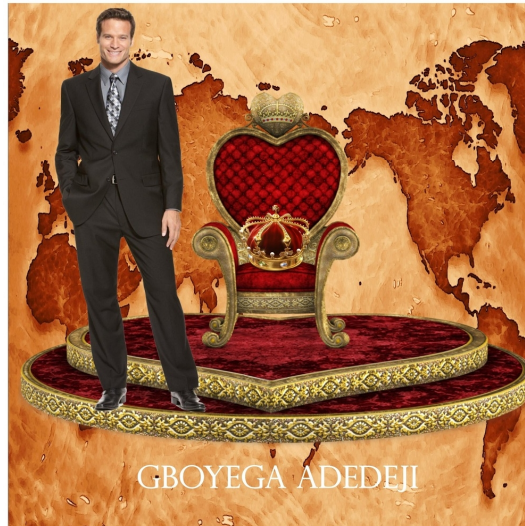
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