



KEYS to Happy Living



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10 SECRETS of Ever GROWING LOVE

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6. **Believe the best about your mate.** Remember the number one reason you and your spouse got together was because of love. Most of the time what your spouse do or says has its root in love not bad intentions. Learn to believe in your spouse, even when your spouse fails to keep a promise or fulfill an expectation, he or she is not a failure. The best way to believe your mate is to remember his or her first love towards you and not their last mistake. Believe the best about your spouse; build on hope instead of despair and trust instead of doubt. When you love with God's kind of love, you expect the best. Set aside the past, and start expecting the best now.

Begin with prayers of thanksgiving to God for all the fruits of the spirit in your spouse heart. Peace, love, joy, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, humbleness and self control. Remember nothing you thank God for can depreciate. As you thank

God, He will start to enrich your spouse more and more with those qualities. Love always look for the best, never look back, but keep going till the end. Esteem your spouse better than you; this is the secret of ever growing love.

7. **Be committed to your spouse:** Anything you are not committed to have the right to die, it takes commitment to succeed in any endeavor. Commitment is dedication to a cause, it is a promise made to oneself, to succeed no matter the situation. Commitment is a decision to stay in a relationship no matter what your spouse do or did not do. Anything you are not committed to cannot yield much fruit. The proof of commitment is sacrifice. For your home to work, you must be willing to let go of some things. Find out what your spouse do not like in you and make a conscious decision to change. Commitment is one of the

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1. **Respect:** This is one major key to a man's heart. Men love respect no matter how small they look. Respect is a part of his design as a leader, protector and a provider. Respect is a booster to any man's self-esteem. It is just like praises to God. When you praise God and exalt his name, He feels so good and releases you a blessing. So also respect is to any man. This is one key you will apply in any relationship that no competitor can beat you to. Respect is number one secret to win a man's heart and sustain his love forever. Show any man respect and remind him of his capability, you will ever be on top of his list.

2. **Companionship:** One of the major reasons that brought about a man and a woman's relationship is companionship. (Gen 2:18) "And the Lord said, it is not good for a man to be alone; I will make a help meet for him". The issue of loneliness is one of the reasons that brought about a woman. For a woman to successfully win a man's heart, she must be a good companion not a complainer. Men get tired easily when you start nagging them; some ladies are not married today because they argue too much. A man need a companion not a nagger or a complainer. Companionship was what gave birth to a woman. Your husband goes through challenges during the day; he needs someone that is ready to listen and someone to share with. When your husband comes home, do not be quick to complain about what is not working at home, give him warm welcome and listening ears.

3. **Looks:** This is another important key to a man's heart. A wise man says "get a woman's ear and you will have her heart, and get a man's eyes and you will have his heart". This is where a lot of Christian sisters miss it; Your Christianity is an advantage not a minus. If you

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Our Vision - Is to bring God's original intent of marriage and relationship to mankind.

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ways to keep the love of your marriage on fire. Sacrifice is the act of giving up something costly, see (John 3:16). God was so committed in winning our relationship that he has to sacrifice His son. Commitment is a major key secret of ever growing love.

8. Communicate with your spouse: Communication in a relationship is like water is to a fish. It is the strength that relationship drives and rides on. The building of the tower of Babel in (Gen 11:4-7) tells us the importance of communication in any relationship, be it working or marriage relationship. The more they communicated, the more successful they became. The moment they stopped communicating, they could not complete the building. No relationship can be built without communication. Learn to talk about everything, never cover up things to get married; you may be heading into fire. Never go to bed un-reconciled, learn to talk over issues, never assume anything. Communication brings you closer in relationship and makes it impossible for Satan to penetrate between you. There are a lot of marriages today, where some spouses do not know what their partner are involved in. Communication helps you know your spouse and save you from being hurt.

9. Be prayerful in your relationship: Prayer is the fuel that keeps your marriage or relationship on motion. You cannot afford to have a prayerless relationship or home, it is too dangerous. Your marriage must maintain a constant prayer altar if it must succeed. Constant communication in prayer with the creator of your spouse is a major secret of growing love in your relationship.

10. Be Selfless: No selfish person can grow a relationship or be a good spouse. You have to consciously be selfless to win over your spouse at all time. For you to have an unbreakable relationship with your spouse, you need the spirit of selflessness. (John 3:16) "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son..." God so desire a good relationship with us that he decided to be selfless by letting us have His son in order to gain us to himself. Selfish people are always looking for what they will gain, it's always about them. With that kind of attitude you will wear out the love in your relationship. Love cannot breathe in a selfish environment; it can only flourish in a selfless atmosphere. You need selflessness to build your relationship.

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look good as others, Christianity becomes a plus; Look good but dress moderately. There is a bible story of a queen called Esther that wanted a favour from her husband (the king), her strategy was prayers and good looks, after applying a proper makeup she puts on her Royal apparel, against the law of not appearing before the king without being sent for, she obtained favour in his sight. Every man loves a beautiful woman, wear clothes that shows your beauty not the ones that make you look funny. God would not have bordered to shape you, if he does not want it seen.

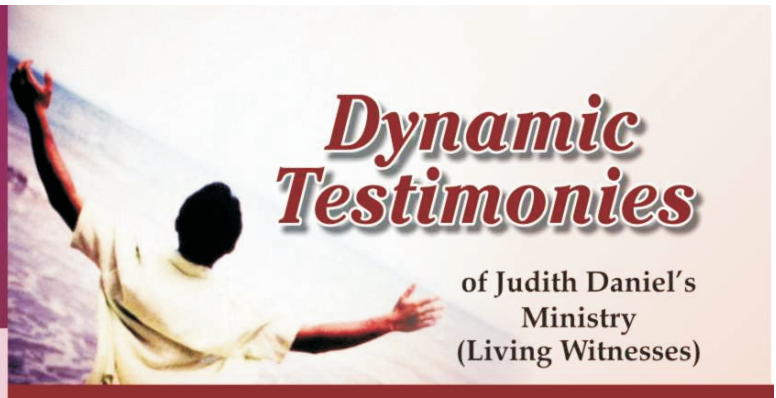
There is another story of a woman called Ruth, (Ruth 3:3 Amp) "Wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor". Naomi was her mother-in-law, she knew the importance of good look in getting the attention of a man; she said to her wash your face and anoint yourself with oil. In other words, apply cream that will make your skin glitter and put on cloths that will make you look appealing to Boaz. And Boaz (the man in question) fell for her and that made her a name in history. It was through her lineage Christ came. As a married woman, do not take the sight of your husband for granted. Give him the opportunity to see your good looks all the time; this is a way of keeping the love in your home healthy.

4. Submission: (Eph.5:21-22) "submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God, wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord". He first of all talked about submission to one another. And in emphasis he said "wife submits yourself unto your own husband as unto the Lord" Note; instruction for submission was given before that of a man to love; usually a man being the head should have first received instruction before a woman. This is because God knows submission will win any man's heart to naturally love a woman. Submission is the ability to let go of your own will for your spouse. Submission is the ability to yield to somebody or to surrender. You cannot claim to respect a man and yet not submit to him. Submission I must tell you is a life time school. Issues will come that will be difficult for you to submit to; when you truly submit to a man, you will win him over to the point that he feels comfortable to leave things in your care and not feel threatened. The moment a man knows you are not competing with his authority, you win him over.

5. Prayers: This is one of the vital links to a man's heart. Remember the story of Queen Esther I shared earlier, she first prayed and then put on a beautiful apparel to look good. God is the creator of a man and have the ability to control his heart.

6. Acknowledgement: Every man loves to be acknowledged. This helps them feel important and boost their self-esteem. When a man gets you a gift, acknowledge him, don't just thank him. On other occasion, bring up the discussion of how good you felt when he bought that gift for you. Look for areas where he is good and acknowledge him, tell him how well he is doing and how far God will take him. Each time you have to spend time together, leave him feeling big and good even if his present status does not look it. You can never lose a man you acknowledge. I will always say 'A spouse you do not appreciate, you will soon loose. I tell you, no woman can compete with you if you have and practice these keys God gave me to share with you.

5 PILLARS that make's you stand out in Life



Dynamic Testimonies

of Judith Daniel's
Ministry
(Living Witnesses)

Most youth are in the single state, and the time of youthfulness or singleness is a preparatory state not a wasting state. Youthful state is one of the seasons in life, unless it effectively utilizes or maximize, it fizzle away and you cannot recapture it. Many youth or singles miss out of this stage in life because they are in a hurry to move to the next stage. Your NOW is the womb that birth your TOMORROW. Your NOW is the best time to lay your foundation for your tomorrow, which is your future.

The five pillars below will make you a high flyer in life.

1. Vision: (purpose) is your assignment on earth. It is what you were designed to do on planet earth by God. Every man or woman has a place they are to keep and dress on earth. You cannot talk about relationship /marriage without talking about his elder brother "VISION".

It is vision that birth marriage, which is the relationship between a man and woman. If you do not love a seed, you should have no business with the fruit. Relationship is the fruit of vision. (Gen2:15) "And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." And in (Gen 2:22) God brought Adam a wife to help him fulfill his vision. Every human being need to first discover their vision before seeking a relationship.

Your job is what you are paid to do and your work is what you were created to do. Never mistake your job for your vision. You have a place you were design to dress and to keep. You can never make a mark on earth until you discover your work. Every human being that wants to be on flight must first discover his or her potential before thinking of marriage; without that you will be abusing the procedure and principles of marriage. (Matt 25:15-30) Makes us to understand that there is no talent you will trade with that will not yield the desired result.

Stop lazing around with your God-given gift; others are in need of it. Imagine, God have being nurturing you from birth to fulfill one purpose and now that you are grown, you are lazing around giving excuses and you are busy asking him for something, he will not answer you; Lack of vision can hinder answers to prayers.

Do not let the enemy tell you, there are already a lot of people doing what God had placed in your heart to do, there is no one exactly like you. You are completely different, the world have never seen your kind. Never discarded any idea that is prevalent in your heart, someone somewhere is in need of it. Vision put a man on a flight, it gives you self-esteem. The bible says "A man's gift makes a way for him" vision is what puts you on top of the game.

2. Focus: Oxford dictionary defines it as having a Centre of interest or activity. Focus is having a clear defined image of something.

There is a story in (1kings 20:39), a king turn aside and gave somebody to a particular man to hold and take care of in the midst of a battle, "and said to him if by any means this man be missing your life will go for it", but as the man was busy here and there, the man in his care was missing and the king says to him your life will be taken in replacement of his. There are too many here and there people in life, no wonder there are too many poor people around.

I did a business contract with a Local Government, which cost millions of investment of my funds, for months I was not paid; I was giving an excuse that it was election time and after the election came another excuse that they were just reelected into office. I decided to discuss it with Pastor Judith and she told me to send my angels to release my money; with that understanding, we prayed together and the following week, I was called to pick up my cheque. I give God all the glory.

Bro. Tunde

I had believed God for a job for some months now; I was moved to sow a seed into G.L.M. That same week, I was blessed with a miracle job. May God be praised!

Sis. Marvel

In one of our meetings at G.L.M, pastor declared that week as a week of favour, and on Tuesday of that same week I was called upon by a company I long submitted my CV, after the interview I was offered a job. I return the glory to God.

Sis. Nene

One of the reasons for here today, there tomorrow is lack of focus. There is a parable in my place that says it is only when you urinate in one place that you can find form in the urine.

Being focus is the foundation for success in all you do and focus is one of the secrets of attracting your spouse.

Everybody loves someone that is focus and have a well-defined line of his or her life. While I was a single lady, I had a lot of men that wanted my hand in marriage, one of the reasons I believe, was I knew exactly where I was going. Your spouse will come along the path of fulfilling your purpose, so get busy on the right line.

3. Righteousness: (Psalm 25:14) "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him"

Vision is a secret, and without it life is unstable. If vision was not a secret, the day you were born it would have been written on your head. God created every man; He knows what he had in mind when he was creating everyone of us. For you to know that thought, you must be righteous before Him. You cannot have a right relationship with God and not become a marvel. God is able to turn a dummy to a world superstar. See (Act 4:13). The bible says righteousness exalts a nation and sin is a reproach to any nation. In other word sin is a reproach to any person. Be watchful over those things that makes you sin against God; the aim is to rob your life of it colour. (Rev2:7) You must overcome sin in order for you to have the tree of life here on earth, and in the world to come. In order for you to be a tree of life, you must be righteous before God. Fornication, lies, envy, jealousy, laziness and so on must be far from you.

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KEYS to a WOMAN'S HEART

1. **Conversation:** Naturally women talk more than men, it is not a default; she was created to function that way. A woman wants you to talk to her not to talk at her. If you know how to talk to a woman, you will win her heart.

Because of the leadership mindset of men, they give instruction and not give room for dialogue and this usually turns a woman off. Every word you speak to a woman affects her emotionally. The easiest way to win a woman's heart is to get her ears. Your wife wants you to listen to her; there is nothing that heals a woman's hurt like giving her a listening ear. Never shut a woman up; that hurts her more than even hitting her, always allow her to express herself. There is a scientific proof that says; women have longer life span than that of men, this is because women talk, cry and are quick to express their feelings more than the male folks do. A woman's ears are the express way to her heart. You either give her a listening ear or speak into her ears.

2. **Love:** Love is the quickest access to a woman's heart. Women were created to function on love. (Col3:19) "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them" (Eph 5:33) "Nevertheless let everyone of you in particular so love his wife ever as himself" (Eph. 5:25) "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ love the church and gave himself for it." This instruction was given repeatedly because; a woman was created to function on love. If you want to see the best of any woman, show her love and you will win her over. Back in the university days, you will see a pretty mature girl dating a funny looking guy. When you ask why, she will say; he is always there when I need him, he shows me love. Love is the fuel that drives a woman's heart.

3. **Affection:** There is a thin difference between love and affection. Love is strong feelings you have for someone while affection is a feeling of fondness, tenderness, devotion and care. In my word, I will say love is a strong feeling towards a person while affection is showing of that feeling. You can feel something and not show it. The primary need of a woman is affection while that of a man is sex. If these two needs are not understood and met in marriage, there will be problems. A woman needs an atmosphere of affection in order to feel loved and fulfilled. If you want to have a woman's heart, you need to consciously show her affection; Show her you care with words and actions. No matter the age, status or toughness of a woman, you can get her with conscious affection.

I heard a story of a chief judge "A woman" who requested for security officer from the police commissioner. The commissioner will post a policeman to her, before a month she will complain, he will send another, until it got to one young policeman. Each time she is going out, he will make sure her car is washed and he will say "Madam, you look so good today." The Police Commissioner waited and waited for complains from the Chief Judge and there was none and before you knew it, the policeman moved from the boy's quarter to the main building. As at the time I was told the story, they were married with three kids, she sent him back to school and now with her influence, he is a Top Officer in the police force; they have an age difference of ten years. Affection is a vital key to a woman's heart.

4. **Affirmation (Praises):** This is saying something wonderful to a woman. Every woman loves to be affirmed with pleasant words. See (Eph. 5:25-26): Every woman needs words of affirmation, this will wash her clean. The pleasant words you speak to a woman does magic both on her inside and outside. It cleans her up, as a result of the joy from within; she becomes more beautiful on the outside. When you call your wife an ugly thing, your wife will be physically ugly. Words of affirmation will never fail you; it always works. Affirmation can help bring out the best in your wife.

Adam was a professional in this field. Though it was God that brought Eve for Adam, Adam still woo Eve. "This is now the bone of my bone and the flesh of my flesh, she shall be called woman, and so shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife". He must have thought within him, even if I had biological parent, I would had still left them and cleave to this woman. Every woman wants to hear "she look beautiful, special, intelligent, she want to know she is loved and cherish. These boost her and bring out the best in her.

5 **Always say "I am sorry":** The word (I am sorry) is like pouring water into a hot pot; most men do not know how to use it. There is nothing that turns a woman off like offending her and still holding your shoulders high. Always learn to say sorry when you are wrong. This act of meekness easily wins a woman's heart. Apologizing to a woman when you wrong her, does not make you weak or show a sign of weakness; but it shows you are wise. It is only men with inferiority complex that do not apologize to women when they are wrong. Saying I am sorry is a strong key to a woman's heart.

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