**THE COST OF A HAPPY HOME.**

When you see a happy couple, don't envy them or assume they are lucky to find each other. There is no happy home anywhere - if you see any be sure they were made. Being a good person or being religious doesn't make a happy home neither does riches and wealth. Marrying the most beautiful woman or the most handsome man doesn't guarantee happiness in marriage either. Many Christians even think marrying another good Christian is a sure way to having a happy home but many have been disappointed.

What then makes up a happy home? A happy home is a function of mutual fulfilment derived from mutual selfless commitment to the marital union. Having a happy home can only be achieved by deliberate efforts and determination of both parties. No matter how much a partner desires a happy home, it can only happen if the other partner wants and agrees to build a happy home.

To achieve a happy home, therefore both parties must first die at the cross of marriage. They must both first offer themselves as a living sacrifice on the altar of their marriage. They must deny themselves and be willing to accept their cross.

In a happy home, ego and self are buried in the grave of marital bliss. Partners in a happy home don't think too much about themselves but the happiness of their spouse.

The journey to a happy home can be initiated by the man or the woman. This journey starts with contentment and diligence. Then it continues in daily forgiveness and mutual tolerance.

No couple is happy when they continue to look at each other's weaknesses or offences. They can only be happy if they choose to accept each other's shortcomings and offenses and take their pains and hurts to the cross of Jesus, instead of romancing with them. Happy couples don't win arguments, rather, they communicate to achieve a better union.

Happy couples don't compare their marriage with others, they are happy and contented with what they have.

Happy homes are not meant for selfish and inconsiderate partners. Happiness is a choice but the price is not cheap. Only the humble and the broken can buy it.

The manual for a happy home is not designed by the society or social media. They are designed by the couple. The ideal home mustn't follow the acceptable trends in the society rather working and practicing what makes the parties happy.

You can initiate the journey to a happy home today no matter how far you have travelled in the path of bitterness and unforgiveness. An unhappy home is the junior sibling to hell fire. A happy home is a reflection of heavenly bliss. The choice is yours today.

Give Peace a chance in your marriage.

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