

Script for Wedding

Listen to the words of the Lord:

Mark 10: 6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

{xxxx and xxxx}, Today I am so happy for both of you. You have made a decision that will have rippling effects on the rest of your life and can be a source of lasting happiness. I am honored to be here and usher in the beginning of new season for both of you. The sun is setting on one chapter of your life and we are beginning a new chapter together as Husband and Wife. This relationship can bring true joy and happiness in your life.

Although happiness in Marriage can seem elusive it is possible to find as long as you both work hard and keep your marriage a priority. It will be the hardest thing either of you will ever do. Small wars can start with a glance or an unspoken word and will center on silly things such as which way the toilet paper should roll; from the top or bottom (it comes from the top just so you know). There will be hard days and long nights, but working together you two can overcome anything as long as you both remember that you married your best friend. Always treat them as such.

I have found that if both husband and wife commit to putting the other's needs and wants ahead of their own, selfishness is taken out of the equation. Above all, do not be selfish! Generate a spirit of selflessness and generosity. Celebrate and commemorate each day together as a treasured gift from heaven. Forget yourself and direct all of your efforts toward family life and your relationship together. "The marriage that is based upon selfishness is almost certain to fail. The one who marries for wealth or the one who marries for prestige or social plane is certain to be disappointed. The one who

marries to satisfy vanity and pride or who marries to spite or to show up another person is fooling only himself. But the one who marries to give happiness as well as receive it, to give service as well as to receive it, and who looks after the interests of the two and then the family as it comes will have a good chance that the marriage will be a happy one.”

Keep your marriage as the highest priority in your life. With this in mind continue courting, Date each other weekly and show expressions of affection, kindness, and consideration. Buy flowers or leave little notes for each other, these small things will keep love alive and growing. Spend time with each other as much as possible. Do simple common task together, make the bed together, cook together, plant a garden together, or simply wash the dishes together.

To help you keep your marriage a priority President Nelson gave couples three action verbs that I want to share with you tonight: to appreciate, to communicate, and to contemplate.

To appreciate—to say “I love you” and “thank you”—is not difficult. But these expressions of love and appreciation do more than acknowledge a kind thought or deed. They are signs of sweet civility. As grateful partners look for the good in each other and sincerely pay compliments to one another, wives and husbands will strive to become the persons described in those compliments.

To communicate well with your spouse— Good communication includes taking time to plan together. Couples need private time to observe, to talk, and really listen to each other. They need to cooperate—helping each other as equal partners. They need to nurture their spiritual as well as physical intimacy. They should strive to elevate and motivate each other. Marital unity is sustained when goals are mutually understood. Good communication is also enhanced by prayer. To pray with specific mention of a spouse’s good deed (or need) nurtures a marriage.

Communicate about everything. As two people coming from different backgrounds there must be honest communication so that both are free to clearly express themselves. Ask for Forgiveness often and Forgive quickly. Keep your marriage within your marriage. You will have a high level of trust as you both know that they'll say only positive things about you to outside parties.

My third suggestion is to contemplate. This word has deep meaning. It comes from Latin roots: con, meaning “with,” and templum, meaning “a space or place to meditate.” It is the root from which the word temple comes. If couples contemplate often—with each other and remember the sacred covenants that you are making today kept.. Contemplation allows one to anticipate and to resonate (or be in tune) with each other and with the Lord. Contemplation will nurture both a marriage and God’s kingdom. The Master said, “Seek not the things of this world but seek ye first to build up the kingdom of God, and to establish his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.”

I encourage you to follow the advice of President Nelson; to appreciate each other, to communicate openly, and to often contemplate and remember the promises you make here tonight. As you do so you will find that your Marriage will be the greatest adventure of your life time and as you start this journey today I wish you both extreme happiness and joy.

Now Please take each other by the right hand.

{Male name and Female name} you have taken one another by the right hand in token of the covenants you will now enter into in the presence of God and these witnesses

.

{Male name} do you take {Female name} as your lawfully wedded wife, and do you of your own free will and choice covenant as her companion and lawfully wedded husband that you will cleave unto her and none else; that you will observe all the laws, covenants

and obligations pertaining to the holy state of matrimony; and that you will love, honor and cherish her as long as you both shall live?"

Answer

{Female name} do you take {Male name} as your lawfully wedded husband, and do you of your own free will and choice covenant as his companion and lawfully wedded wife that you will cleave unto him and none else; that you will observe all the laws, covenants and obligations pertaining to the holy state of matrimony; and that you will love, honor and cherish him as long as you both shall live?"

Answer

By virtue of the legal authority vested in me as an elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Army, I pronounce you {Male name} and {Female name}, husband and wife, legally and lawfully wedded for the period of your mortal lives. May God bless your union with joy in your posterity and a long life of happiness together, and may He enable you to keep sacred the covenants you have made. These blessings I invoke upon you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

It is now at this time the couple would like to exchange rings and vows.

You may kiss each other as husband and wife.

It should be noted that the wording for the weddings vows has changed. Please coordinate with your endorser Frank Clawson.