

## SOME FACTS YOU MUST KNOW BEFORE MARRIAGE

I am starting a series on some facts you must know before marriage. There are certain things you must know ahead of time so that you will prepare your mind. Many people enter into marriage and get the shock of their lives because they were not prepared for these things. The first thing I think you must know is that

### YOUR SPOUSE CANNOT MEET ALL YOUR UNMET NEEDS.

This is a very important truth. As humans we all have needs that were not met throughout our growing years. These needs are longings of the human souls. The soul longs for acceptance, satisfaction, security, affirmation, attention, hope, bonding, joy. Some of these needs are met by family and loved ones. But the truth is that people around us, no matter how loving they are, cannot meet all these needs. So everybody has one unmet need or the other.

The mistake we often make is that our spouses should meet all these needs. The truth is only a progressively growing love relationship with the Lord can fill the longings of the soul. That is too much of a work for your spouse. That is why marriage should be for two complete people. Complete in Christ, secured in their identities, growing in grace.

Marriage is not for two halves. It is between two whole people. Allow God to work on you and fill up every gap before you marry otherwise you will have unrealistic expectations for your spouse.