



PRESENCE OF GOD CENTRAL TO SUCCESS OF ANY MARRIAGE

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Making God the centre of lives and relationships has been described as a vital inspiration for happy married life and good relationship. This statement was made by an Abuja based Marriage Counselor and Executive Director Action Family Foundation, a non Governmental Organization (NGO); Mrs. Henrietta Okechukwu during an exclusive interview with CSN News magazine, at the launching of her book titled: Understanding Your Spouse; Before you say "I do" .

The ceremony which also featured the presentation of another project initiative of hers - The Global Marriage Services; took place recently, at the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria Resource Centre, Durumi, Abuja, and was attended by dignitaries from all walks of life including youths.

Speaking on what prompted her to write the book, Mrs. Okechukwu stated that her concern for the rate at which marriages brake up in the present day society motivated her to write the book and put at the disposal of the society her knowledge and experience to help guide young men and women going into the vocation of marriage. She described the book as a product of long term research and interaction with families and people with marital experience challenges. On the importance of making God the centre of lives and relationships, Mrs. Okechukwu emphasized that every family should make sure that their marriage does not keep them away from heaven.

She declared: "I have learned much from observing a lot of good and bad married couples; I have read many great books; I have interviewed married couples who were ahead of me; but the greatest, earliest lessons I learned came from studying God's word, the Bible."

On The Global Marriage Services initiative project, the trained family and marriage counselor declared: "The Global Marriage Services (GMS) is an intervention programme targeted at the heart of the society - the family. It will implement initiatives for couples and individuals at various points of need within the family circuit."

She outlined the three strategic pillars of the project as: counseling for couples in distressed marriages; fertility care, child spacing, sex pre-selection and infertility management using Napro-Technology (Natural Proactive Technology); and Match-making for matured singles who are finding it difficult to settle down and form happy marriages." She added that the activities of the project will be premised on the teachings of the Catholic Church and moral and ethical societal values. She added that the projects need the support of all members of the society, especially blessed and comfortable Nigerians, so as to forestall the increase of broken marriages in the country.