

## #33 MARRIAGE VOWS

Today you start a brand new life

As you make your vows to become husband and wife;

And ***give your promises to love no matter what***

Even when the honeymoon's over and you get in a rut.

Marriage isn't as easy as it may seem

Especially if you don't keep alive your dream

Of building a family with God at its source

***Since He has the answers to all your questions...of course!***

When things get tough...and you know they will

He's given you the manual to get you over the hill

That's full of encouragement to give you peace and hope

When you're at your wits end and you don't think you can cope.

***The answer is always to show love to your mate...***

*And tell yourself that your needs and wants can wait*

Until God sets the time up ***according to His clock...***

Even if it causes you to walk around the block!

He's wiser than us and knows what's best in your case;

And ***that time*** to cool off and think will put you ***back in your place***

And help you to remember to put yourself in your mates' shoes;

And He tells you that ***now is the time*** for you ***to pay your dues.***

**You'll come to realize *that one day* the roles *will be* reversed**

**And it will be you that needs to be pampered and nursed;**

**Because that's what a partner is suppose to do**

**When their soul mate is feeling way down and blue.**

***You're to be an example for your children to see***

That putting others before yourself is the way it should be;

So that God will shower blessings on you day after day

When you see that your children are happy to do what you say!

You're to train up a child in the way he should go;

And the best way to do that is to show them you know

***That true happiness comes from helping others in need***

And never letting yourself fall into that bad trap called ***greed.***

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