

#6 A Good Marriage Must Be Created Script

Officiant: We are gathered here today to celebrate one of life's greatest moments, the joining of two hearts. In this ceremony today we will witness the joining **NAME 1** and **NAME 2** in marriage.

If there is anyone present who has just cause why this couple should not be united..... *Sussh!*

Who gives this person to be married today (**Optional**)

Opening Comments

Today we have come together to witness the joining of these two lives. For them, out of the routine of ordinary life, the extraordinary has happened. They met each other, fell in love and are signifying their love with their wedding today.

Romance is fun, but true love is something far more and it is their desire to love each other for life and that is what we are celebrating here today.

A good marriage must be created.

In marriage the "little" things are the *massive* things.

It is never being too old to hold hands.

It is remembering to say, "I love you" at least once a day.

It is never going to sleep angry.

It is standing together and facing the world.

It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.

It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.

It is not only marrying the right person -- it is *being* the right partner.

Vows ("Please face each other and hold hands.")

I, **NAME 1** take you **NAME 2** to be my **husband/wife/spouse**, my partner in life and my one true love. I will cherish our friendship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

I will trust you and honor you.

I will laugh with you and cry with you.

Through the best and the worst,

Through the difficult and the easy.

In sickness and in health.

Whatever may come I will always be there.

As I have given you my hand to hold

And so, I give you my life to keep.

I, NAME 2 take you NAME 1 to be my **Husband/Wife/Spouse**, my partner in life, and my one true love. I will cherish our friendship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

I will trust you and honor you

I will laugh with you and cry with you.

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Words of Wisdom

NAME 1 and **NAME 2**, I would ask that you always treat yourself and each other with respect and remind yourselves often of what brought you together today.

Give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness, and kindness that your marriage deserves.

When frustration and difficulty assail your marriage - as they do to every relationship at one time or another - focus on what still seems right between you, not the part that seems wrong. Forgive easily. And love even stronger.

This way, when clouds of trouble hide the sun in your lives and you lose sight of it for a moment, you can remember that the sun is still there. And if each of you will take responsibility for the quality of your life together, it will be marked by abundance and happiness.

I Do's

NAME 1, do you take **NAME 2** to be your **Husband/Wife/Spouse/Wedded Partner**? ("I do")

Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him/her, forsaking all others and holding only unto him/her forevermore? ----- ("I do")

NAME 2, do you take **NAME 1** to be your **Husband/Wife/Spouse/Wedded Partner**? ("I do")

Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him/her, forsaking all others and holding only unto him/her forevermore? ----- ("I do")

Ring Exchange (who has the rings) (repeat after me)

The ring is a symbol of the unbroken circle of love. Love freely given has no beginning and no end, no giver, and no receiver for each is the giver and each is the receiver. May these rings always remind you of the vows you have taken.

I **NAME 1**, take thee, **NAME 2** to be my **Husband/Wife/Spouse/Wedded Partner** - To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, in joy and sorrow, and I promise My love to you. And with this ring, I take you as my **Husband/Wife/Spouse/Wedded Partner**, for as long as we both shall live.

I **NAME 2**, take thee **NAME 1**, to be my **Husband/Wife/Spouse/Wedded Partner**. To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, in joy and sorrow, and I promise My love to you. And with this ring, I take you as my **Husband/Wife/Spouse/Wedded Partner**, for as long as we both shall live.

Closing Comments

To make your relationship work will take love. This is the core of your marriage and why you are here today.

It will take trust, to know, that in your hearts, you genuinely want what is best for each other.

It will take dedication, to stay open to one another - and to learn and grow together.

It will take faith, to go forward together, without knowing exactly what the future brings.

And it will take commitment, to hold true to the journey you both have pledged to today.

And so, by the power vested in me, I now pronounce you a married couple/husband and wife.

For the first time as a wedded couple, you may kiss your better half.

I would like to introduce the happy couple!