

Message Title: The believer's marriage is more than numbers.

The believer's marriage is more than numbers. That's what I want to share with us today. The believer's marriage is more than numbers. Really? Yes. It's more than numbers. It's not a number game. There's no room for competition in a relationship. It's to complement each other and accomplish that which God has set to both of you to purposefully fulfil as a couple. It's more than a number game. Otherwise, as I've seen in many places, many places today, even within the house of God, which ought to be like a number game in a couple. I remember many years ago I used to work as a quality engineer. I used to have another Christian brother work with me. He was having a competition with the wife who produced more money into the house. Everybody looked for one shift to collect, extra job, extra job. He wanted to get it done. I said, what for? The basic thing that you bring home and your wife brings is enough for you to make a living. You have time for each other, quality time, and quantity time for each other. It's like a number game. There are many couples today who think that relationships is about a number game , how much I bring in. If you're the one who brings much and you want to control and subjugate the other person, does not bring much enough as you are bringing. If the other person lost the job or had a huge job, you subjugate, you want to control the other person. That's why people lose purpose so easily. You have the number in terms of the job opportunity,

in terms of a better opportunity, in terms of what you earn, in terms of whatever it is in the marriage, doesn't give you the right to subjugate the other person.

In the marriage, in the believer's marriage, having the number does not give you the right to subjugate the other person, to control the other person. The power that God gives to us as individual believers is to cast out devils and demons. It's not to control people. It's to lead people, not to control them. There's a difference between controlling and leading. It's not to subjugate individuals. Make them feel that they are less than you or less than anybody. If you don't know how to control the source of attitudes and habits, you will find the same attitude of number game will carry it to a public place, whether within the church, even as a minister, or a church staff worker, or into the public places. You can see it around. Some people who are in public places are believers in Christ Jesus. They subjugate others. They think because they have the power and authority and position and opportunity, everyone else is a slave before them. Inside of becoming a place of service to others. It's become a place of enslaving others, controlling others, subjugating others. Listen, we are all going to respond to God one day. It's one of the joys of this Christian faith for me. It's not only that there will be a **white throat** judgement in terms of God separating the sheep from the goats, the believers from the non-believers. The believers are going to have their own judgement seat of Christ. Wherein, each of us will receive a reward. How we

have done life and how we have utilised the opportunity God gave to us on the face of the earth. That always breaks my heart as a servant of God. This opportunity is given to me. Am I serving people or am I subjugating them? Am I controlling them? The giftings of God, the grace of God, the enabling of God, Am I using it to serve God's people? Bring it closer. Am I using it to serve my wife, serve my children, serve my family? Am I using the grace given to me to serve God's purpose in my relationship? And beyond that, to serve God's purpose upon my life, upon my family? Am I subjugating people? Controlling them? Or leading them to the path of righteousness? The path of holiness, the path of the fear and the reverence of God. The path of restoration to have fellowship with God. Being born of God, to know God and to serve Him in spirit and in truth.

That's what every believer ought to be doing. For furthermore, you are joined to the Lord in the spirit when you give your life to Christ. **1 Corinthians 6** tells us Verse **15-20** when you read it, it says *He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit with the Lord*. When you come to become a couple, you become one flesh together. So when we know this, arrogance will disappear, rudeness will disappear. God values Himself. Values His word above anything. When you don't do God's will, you become abusive of the things of God. Everything that God has endowed you with. Purpose,

opportunities, gift things you become arrogant with it. You become rude with it. You become selfish with it. And people do that in relationship against each other. To the point sometimes it affects their children. With their selfishness. In playing games with numbers. The God we serve is more than numbers. God wants to ensure that His word is at the top of His game. Let me tell you why God does not do numbers. When you have time, go and read the book of Judges **7. Verse 1-25**. Gideon was having a battlefield to fight. He was going to a battle and he wanted to win. He had with him 32,000 people prepared for that battle. He consented to be armies to be ready for the battle. He had the number. But God who was to lead him was a God who is more than numbers. And God told him, these people you have arranged for this battle, there are too many. Its not a number game to fight those people? He took it in his head and in his senses. How can I compete with society? How can I compete in the war? If you run with footmen and they weary you, how do you contend with horses? Can't you see the crowd of their opponents? God is not a God of numbers. You don't win with God through numbers. You win with God through His word. Through His word. The Bible says in **Psalm 138 verse 2** God has *lifted His name and His word and exalted both of them*. But His word has been magnified above His name. Because His word is the answer through faith to win in the world. **1 John 5 4** *This is the vision that overcomes to the world, our faith.* **Romans 10 verse 17** *Faith comes*

by the hearing of the word of God. In verse 8-10 The word of faith. If you believe in your heart, God's statement . If you proclaim with your mouth ,The Lord Jesus Thou shall be safe.You have to ensure that when you live through purpose that will be built on the word of God. God fights His battle through His word. Said they overcame Him by the words of their mouth. They overcame by the words of their mouth. Revelation ,Not by numbers. He sent forth His word to heal His people. Not by numbers but by the word. He sent forth His word to heal and save the believers. Not by numbers but by His word. In Mark 16 verse 15-20 When He commissioned the apostles as He did for us today He said this sign shall follow them that belief to go and preach the gospel. He said in verse 20 As they went in obedience God was honouring His word. And not the numbers. So, God told Gideon in **Judges 7-25** It's not by numbers. He said to Gideon Put onto a test In the first test 22,000 dropped out They dropped out and 10,000 was left and God said the 10,000 are too much for this battle. I'm a God that isn't more about numbers and what happened? Only 300 was left. By that 300 God saved God's people and delivered them from the hands of their enemies.The goal we saw It's not by the number of houses you have built The number of cars that you have The number of clothes you put on Shoes you have laid down I'm not saying you cannot have good things You cannot have a car, houses or shoes God does not work through you or your relationship God's energy does not flow through you

because you wear a very good jacket, you dress properly You look very nice You wear some cloaks over your body to show that you are a particular kind of person That's not what God looks at God searches the hearts and the minds He rules through the human spirit to do his will and it's all about His word It's not about the numbers in our head God does not do numbers He does His word If you really want to succeed with God Excel with God, win with God Travel with God, it's not by numbers Success is by the word of God You together fulfilling purpose with God A people of 32,000 for battle God reduced that number to 300 By this number, in the book of Georges you will see Because it's about the wisdom of God to conquer The Bible says in **1 Corinthians 2 verse 8** Had the princes of this world known They wouldn't have crucified the Lord of glory If the devil knew that by the rugged cross Christ would save humanity and redemption They wouldn't have been crucified But that's the wisdom of God. That what they think is useless and is nothing God uses it to safeguard people God used the foolishness of this world to confirm His word To do things that people think is unthinkable Unimaginable. That's how God operates In our own concept, in our own planning That's how God does His things You have to line up your life with God's word as a couple If you want God to use you to fulfil purpose in the kingdom of God The reason is because of what God says in the scriptures In the book of **1 Peter 3** I want to read that place Why two of you must live beyond

numbers And begin to live by the grace of God 1 Peter 3 If you have time, you can start reading it from verse 1 It's about relationship, husband and wife But it says from **verse 7** As being hers together Of the grace of life There is a grace upon your relationship In doing life and living Godly towards God That grace will precede numbers If you mess up with the grace of God Your prayers will not be answered If you use numbers again Because you see people fighting in their marital homes Who brings more money Who spends more money The respect for each other The honour for each other It disappears Every time it's about numbers again How much house you build How much car you have How you want to control your spouse Even some women They want to bring in more money They begin to disrespect their husband I always say You can be a CEO where you work as a lady You can be the general manager But when you come to marital ground In the order of decency of God's plan Your husband is the leader Is he respecting who he is? Just do your part God will know how to deal with him It's men who don't know the purpose of God to lead And women who don't know the purpose of God to follow They fall into a trap of the enemy If you have a man and you are leading by purpose And she refuses to work with you Don't change your mind Stay focused Stay focused on the word of God There is a common grace There is no separate grace There is a common grace of life for both of you You don't have separate grace when you get married When you

get born of God You are joy within the spirit of the Lord When you come to a place of relationship And you get married You share a common grace And that grace is able to see you through in life In Ephesians chapter 4 It says in verse 7 But unto every one of us is given grace According to the measure Of the will of God, of the gift of God The measure of grace God doesn't give a measure He gives you the measure Whatever your family comes to be Or fulfilling purpose The measure of grace is available When you start doing somebody else's job And not your own common grace of life You start counting in numbers The common grace is available to you

The common faith In Romans chapter 2 It says in verse 3 Romans chapter 2 verse 3 It says For I say through the grace given to me To every man that is among you Not to think of himself more highly Than he ought to think But to think soberly According as God had dared to every man The measure of faith Don't think you are higher because you are the leader As a man Or a wife because you have a better position than your husband The man is meant to lead, you are meant to follow As a helpmate With the enabling opportunity God has given to you as a wife As a man That you have the number Doesn't give you the right to make your wife a slave Subjugate her Because you are the one She is not able to provide anything Doesn't give you the right to subjugate her And make her feel like she is not supposed to live Because you are providing numbers Because religion is more than numbers Don't think highly

than you ought to think Because why? God dared to every man according to the measure of faith The measure of faith The measure of grace as a cup you need of God to function And fulfil purpose are available to you But you must know that these are available through God's word And it is available that God is not the God of numbers That is why the Bible says in Proverbs 4 verse 7 It says In all you are getting Wisdom is the principal thing Get understanding Because wisdom is the application of knowledge Understand God's purpose in your life And walk through wisdom to get it fulfilled It says in the book of Proverbs Let me read a couple of scriptures in the book of Proverbs Maybe that will make sense In the book of Proverbs 24 It says verse 3 to 5 True wisdom is a house built And by understanding it is established By knowledge shall the chambers be filled With all precious and pleasant riches The wise man is strong A man of knowledge increases strength Wisdom is the application of knowledge When you put work in wisdom not in numbers By numbers gain You find fulfilment in a marriage You fill up that home with joy With peace and happiness You fill that home with enthusiasm You see a rejuvenating lifestyle A rekindling lifestyle A blossoming lifestyle In that relationship Why? True wisdom is built It is built And by understanding it is established Because it says in the scripture in Proverbs 4 Verse 7 I read it Wisdom is a principle thing Therefore get wisdom When you put it in wisdom Not in numbers Together you build

a great family You build a great home It is that attitude you carry to the public places
In the church of worship Or a place of service to the community You see yourself You
see an attitude, you see a spirit of productivity Because your presence is there When
they meet you in the house of God You are productive because of that heart of
knowledge You are not talking of numbers It is service, service, service and sacrifice
You carry it to the public places Service, service, sacrifice Wisdom operating In
chapter 14 verse 1 the same proverb What did it say? Every wise woman building
her house But the foolish lock it down with their hands A woman who goes on
numbers Her marriage, her home But the wise who is informed enough To walk
through wisdom To build her relationship To fulfil purpose with God With her
husband, with her spouse If a man who has the number Don't do life in your family
with numbers See it together A wife who has the number Do life together with
wisdom Not with numbers Let me show you something the Bible says in the
scriptures 1 Timothy 5, 6-8 The dangers of numbers It says But she that liveth in
pleasure is dead While she liveth And these things give in child that they may be
blameless But if any provide not for his own I say for those of his own house He hath
denied the faith and is worth an infidel Are you a man? Some people they are very
good outside Right inside their home, nothing And you are a woman, God bless you
But you are more opportune than your husband is opportune Or you think about your

own pleasure, your own life, what you want to do You know some people in a relationship when they are starting their life Do finances together, do travelling together Do all this together And suddenly one of them have a number He or she can act without the other person knowing They can behave without the other person knowing Or they run into hitches One of them will lose their job Or a crisis happens, they can't have a common fight anymore If you have an individual fight, a lone fight Because you live and walk through numbers The marriage that God designed in Christ Jesus is one flesh They share a common grace, not a separate grace of life In Christ Jesus They share a common grace in doing life and living godly Together Not a separate grace The same measure of grace, the same measure of faith To achieve together Within the common grace of life when they are called of God in Christ Jesus They can live and enjoy the fullness of God And not by numbers But when you live in pleasure at the detriment of your other spouse Or if you are to provide for the other spouse With the number you have Obviously you are worth and needed You are not a genuine believer in Christ Jesus You have the number But you don't provide for those in the house You don't meet their obligations and their needs You use the number to control and subjugate them and control them Scripture says here That you are worse than an infidel You are worse than an unbeliever That's what it teaches Let me tell you Number breeds fear It makes the body feel insecure

Insecure The only way to overcome number Fear is love The Bible says perfect love casts out fear You bring fear down Because fear is not of God It says Perfect love casts out fear It is used to stand on the days of challenge To overcome 2 Timothy 1 Verse 6-7 Fear robs you of your gifting When you subjugate somebody else in a relationship By a number He or she will not be able to bring out the best of God When they are being controlled and ruled by numbers They are being subjugated by numbers The opportunities you have They don't bring the gain, they bring the money They don't control the powers You make a slave of the other person You create fear That his or her gifting Cannot show forth enough Fear will grip in It brings inferiority complex Fear phobia When you come to the door, he or she is afraid You use your opportunity gain To control and rule The common grace of life To celebrate together in Christ Jesus Marriage in Christ Jesus For the believer is more than numbers Isn't it a number game? That God made you who you are today In that status quo, where you belong If you cannot serve your relationship with Him There is no worthy of it There is a reward that is coming One day, by God, you will be disqualified For the God you are dealing with Is the God of numbers Fear The Bible says a man who works in wisdom In Ecclesiastes 8 verse 1 and 5 He fears no evil He does not imagine evil He does the right thing He understands the times of life He knows As a wise person We all must shine together Me and my spouse shine together Not I

alone, not sure enough Because Jesus is the wisdom of God When He is preaching about life, they do it for pride and arrogance God exalts the humble Bring it down The arrogant The rude ones Because we are rudeness We are numbers of pride Fear exists Wrong judgement exists Fear phobia exists Mistrust and distrust exists And purpose of God are not fulfilled We are playing a number game When you are played by the power of the Spirit of God Through the knowledge of God's word and wisdom two of you together can stand tall in Christ Jesus and win together in the wisdom of God and succeed by the wisdom of God. Let me close this session for now through **1 Peter 3 Verse 9 to 12**, let's see what the Bible says we should do, as people who want to live In the knowledge of the truth of God's word It says **Verse 8 to 12** ⁸ *Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:* ⁹ *not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.* ¹⁰ *For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:* ¹¹ *let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.* ¹² *For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.*

¹³ *And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?*

When you do this word of God, there is no room for numbers. You will love your spouse. You will share good time and bad time together. It's more than for better or for worse. You will live through challenges by the power of the Holy Spirit of God. Because you believe and you know, that this marriage is more than numbers. It's not about who brings more or who brings less. We are together to fulfil our purpose. We are together to ensure, I am your strength, you are my strength. Where I am weak, you are strong. Where you are strong, I am there to support you. Where I am weak, you are there to support me and together, we can fulfil purpose for the glory of God. When you see people walk in this realm of understanding, when they go to public spaces in the house of God, they bring that same light of glory to the house of God. They shine through. Their life becomes an epic of great light of God to those who are in darkness, to the vulnerable, to the wounded, to the bruised, to the depressed. They give hope and strength to the house of God. They will be like the Dorcas in the Bible. When she passed on, they cried to Peter, she must not go. This woman is too good in the house and they prayed and she came back to life. Don't be the one that they will say, this woman, let her go. She has been a trouble in the house of God. When these people move to the public place of work, either in the private enterprise or in the public place of service to humanity, they will bring the same glory to their

place of work. Company will see growth because they are there. They will see strength because they are there.

Because from their home where they come from, the couple understand the purpose of God why they are on the face of the earth. They will bring joy and peace in the environment where they are. When they go to a party, they bring hope and happiness. When they are in the midst of others who are hopeless, they bring them essence for living. They understand that life is not a number. They use the opportunity to serve people. Service is at the top of their life. Not enslaving others with their numbers. Not making a caricature of others with their numbers. Not subjugating others with their numbers. They know no colour by their numbers. All they see is God's creation. All they see day by day is God's creation and they are there to serve humanity. It is my prayer today that your life will be a life that is more than numbers through Christ Jesus. Be blessed of God. If you understand this, I pray that this understanding of God, in serving God through wisdom, not by numbers, will fill your heart and mind through Christ Jesus. Wisdom is a principal thing. Now you get to get to understand it. You prosper by God. Because by wisdom, you prosper. By wisdom, you do well. The Bible says, that money is a defence, and wisdom is a defence. The excellency of life is this only wisdom gives life to them that have it. Money doesn't give life. It may answer some questions in your life. When it comes to

real life, it doesn't. The rich die. The poor die. They will all answer to God. Those that do life by God through wisdom, they have life not only in the present tense, they have life in the eternal. God bless you. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Summary

The believer's marriage is **more than numbers**—it is not about competition, who earns more, or who has more opportunities, but about **complementing each other and fulfilling God's purpose together**. God does not work by numbers but by His **Word, grace, wisdom, and love**. When spouses focus on numbers, it breeds pride, fear, control, and subjugation, but when they live by God's Word and wisdom, marriage becomes a partnership in service, love, and purpose.

Key Points

Marriage is not a number game

Not about who earns more, has more, or controls more.

It is about complementing each other to fulfil God's purpose.

1. Dangers of the "number game"

- Competition between spouses.
- Pride, arrogance, and subjugation.
- Loss of purpose, insecurity, fear, and broken respect.
- Children and family suffer when parents play “number games.”

2. God’s order in marriage

- Husband leads with love and service.
- Wife supports as a helpmate with respect.
- Both share a *common grace* and *measure of faith* in Christ (1 Peter 3, Ephesians 4).

3. God is not about numbers but His Word

- Gideon’s army reduced from 32,000 to 300 (Judges 7).
- God wins battles by His Word and wisdom, not by strength in numbers.
- Success in marriage comes through God’s Word, not material comparison.

4. Wisdom over numbers

- Proverbs 4:7 – Wisdom is the principal thing.

- Proverbs 24:3–5 – By wisdom a house is built; by understanding it is established.
- Wisdom builds marriages; numbers destroy them.

5. Fear vs. Love

- Numbers breed fear, insecurity, and mistrust.
- Perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18).
- Love and grace create unity, security, and growth in marriage.

Notes

- Power in marriage is not for **controlling**, but for **leading in service**.
- Every believer will give account at the judgment seat of Christ—including how we treated our spouse and used our opportunities.
- True success in marriage = walking in the **common grace of life** God has given both partners.
- Marriage reflects Christ and the church: service, sacrifice, humility, and love.
- Arrogance, pride, and the "number game" break marriages, but wisdom, love, and purpose preserve them.

Core Message

The believer's marriage is more than numbers. It is about grace, love, wisdom, and fulfilling God's purpose together. Numbers create fear and competition, but God works through His Word. Spouses must serve, not subjugate; lead, not control; and build their marriage on wisdom, respect, and the common grace of God.

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