

THE INFLUENCE OF PARENTS ON THEIR CHILDREN'S MARRIAGE

No father no matter how bad, lies to his son. No parents would want bad for his children rather the best. All these statement are eternal verity that has stood the taste of time.

Before dawn of civilization, parents play active role in the choice of spouse for their children or wards. Infact, the business of marriage is contracted between the adult members of the family or the parents in particular.

Any girl that brings home a suitor is looked upon by the society as a miscreant and the parent takes her as way -ward . In the same wein, any man that approaches a girl for marriage directly rather than through the parents is regarded as unscrupulous.

These go to show the place of the parents and older members of the family in marriage issue . In fact , parents wield overwhelming influence on the marital life of their children. Then if a prospective suitor spots a girl he thinks he likes, he inquires of her name and that of her parents : he now goes to his own parents to inform them of his discovery. It then behoooves on the parents to make inquires and then meet the girls parents or family members.

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• After the first visit and introduction, the girl is now called upon to show her approval which is mere formality because the parents have the right to impose the man so long the parents agree, it is workable.

This was the situation in the primitive age when the world is still in darkness)
but today ,civilization has taken place. The advent of the white man has almost eroded the traditional belief held sacrosanct by our patriarchs.

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- Today young men and women believe in Shakespeare's postulation that the world is a stage. Consequently they strive to make the older generation understand that they should be made the architect of their own fortune or otherwise.

This inharmonious belief has always been a point of conflict between parents and their children. While parents seek to perform the traditional role of making the 'Best' choice for their children as custom demands, the children on their own see this as gross invasion into their right and privacy.

If civilization has changed virtually every sphere of our lives ranging from transportation, dressing, occupation, in fact our ways of life, then why should the area of unnecessary intervention into the marriage of young ones remain the same? These calls for serious concern. Imagine how many marriages and homes that have capsized under the heavy tempest of parental intervention. Only the woman in barren marriage can appreciate how more excruciating the pains of the tongue of mother-in-law than the sting of cobra or centipedes.

Some parents could even boldly venture into their children's marriage to dictate how many children they will bear or give birth to. Incredible, yet true.

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• Incidental some parents have become a nightmares to either their son or daughter in-law. You will understand me better when you hear a young girl praying that God will give her a man whose parents especially mother is dead. Even some close allies such as sister or brothers are not exempted in the undue intrusion.

I believe most of them have good intension congratulations! But allow your children the liberty and freedom to bite what they feel they can chew less you (parents and siblings) don't make the stay of your sons or brothers wife stay miserable and uncomfortable , let them make their choice .

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