



# Wedding Vows

On your wedding day, the vows are the most important thing. Everything else is bonus.

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” ~ Genesis 2:24

You may select any of the following sample vows, or you may write your own, borrowing phrases and ideas from the ones you like. Some of the key ideas that should be communicated in the wedding vows are a focus on God, your love and commitment to each other, and your dependence on God to glorify Him.

*Vows can be presented in one of three ways:*

- 1. Phrase by phrase prompting*
- 2. Memorized*
- 3. Read from a card*

## Traditional #1

**Man:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wedded wife, to love you with all my heart's affection, to endow you with all my earthly possessions, to give you the honor of my name, and to share with you the grace of my God, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to comfort and to cherish you, to honor and keep you in joy and in sorrow, and to preserve with you this bond, holy and unbroken until God by death shall separate us and thereto I give you my pledge.

**Woman:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, comfort, and obey you, honor and keep you in joy and in sorrow, and to preserve with you this bond, holy and unbroken until God by death shall separate us and thereto I give you my pledge. Where you go I will go, where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people and your God my God.

## Traditional #2

Man: \_\_\_\_\_, I love you as Christ loves us unconditionally, unselfishly and eternally. I receive you as my wife, my helpmate, a gift from God. Using God's Word as my guide, I promise to be the head, and spiritual leader of our home, to protect, respect, cherish and provide for you and our children. I commit myself to do these things, by the power of the Holy Spirit, for all of my life.

Woman: \_\_\_\_\_, I love you as Christ loves us, unconditionally, unselfishly and eternally. I receive you as my husband, my protector, a gift from God. I will submit to you as my head, and accept you as my spiritual leader. I promise to honor, respect, exhort and trust you, and to provide a loving and happy home, for you and our children. I commit myself to do these things, through the power of the Holy Spirit, for all of my life.

## Traditional #3

Man: I, \_\_\_\_\_ (man's name), take thee \_\_\_\_\_ (woman's name), to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my vow.

Woman: I \_\_\_\_\_ (woman's name), take thee \_\_\_\_\_ (man's name), to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I give thee my vow.

## Traditional #4

Man: I \_\_\_\_\_ (man's name), take thee \_\_\_\_\_ (woman's name), to be my wedded wife, with deepest joy I receive you into my life that together we may be one. As in Christ to the Church so will I be to you. I promise to you that I will live first unto our Lord rather than for others or even you. I promise to direct our lives into a life of faith and hope in Christ. Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_, throughout life no matter what may lie ahead for us I pledge to you my life as a loving and faithful husband.

Woman: I, \_\_\_\_\_ (woman's name), take thee \_\_\_\_\_ (man's name), to be my wedded husband. As you have pledged to me your life and love, so I too give you my life and in confidence submit myself to your headship as to the Lord. I will live for you, loving you and obeying you and ever seeking to please you. Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ (man's name), throughout life no matter what may lie ahead for us, I pledge to you my life as a loving and faithful wife.

### **Eric & Bethany Grover (6/29/02)**

Eric: I, Eric ... take you Bethany ... to be my wedded wife ... to love you ... with all my heart's affection ... to endow you ... with all my earthly possessions ... to give you ... the honor of my name ... and to share with you ... the grace of our God, ... to have and to hold ... from this day forward ... for better ... for worse ... for richer ... for poorer ... in sickness ... and in health ... to comfort ... and to cherish you ... to honor and keep you ... in joy and in sorrow ... and to preserve ... with you this bond ... by God's grace ... holy and unbroken ... as long as we both shall live.

Bethany: I, Bethany ... take you Eric ... to be my wedded husband ... to love you ... with all my heart's affection ... to devote myself ... to support and encourage you ... and to share with you ... the grace of our God, ... to have and to hold ... from this day forward ... for better ... for worse ... for richer ... for poorer ... in sickness ... and in health ... to comfort ... and obey you ... to honor and keep you ... in joy and in sorrow ... and to preserve ... with you this bond ... by God's grace ... holy and unbroken ... as long as we both shall live.

### **Dave & Nadine Klineburger (12/14/02)**

Dave: I, David Klineburger ... take you, Nadine Borisz ... as my wedded wife ... my helpmate ... and a gift from God, ... to love you just as Christ loves the Church ... and gave himself up for her, ... to forsake all others, ... to stand by you in bitter and sweet providences, ... to romance you, ... to cherish and rejoice in you ... to honor and value you always as precious ... I give you my name, my affections, and my life ... and give you my heart, ... in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ... Amen.

Nadine: I, Nadine Borisz, ... receive you, David Klineburger ... as my wedded husband ... my protector ... and a gift from God ... to love, honor, respect and exhort you ... according to God's Word, ... to forsake all others, ... to stand by you in bitter and sweet providences, to romance you, ... to be your best friend ... I receive your name, your affections, and your life ... and give you my heart ... in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ... Amen.

### **Joel & Cindy Rishel (5/17/03)**

Joel: Cindy, by God's grace, I love you as Christ loves us unconditionally and unselfishly. For God's glory, I take you to be my wife, to love you with all my heart's affection, to have and to hold from this day on, for better or for worse, for rich or for poor, in sickness and in health. Cindy, before God and these witnesses, I promise to protect you, comfort you, cherish you, respect you, and provide for you and our children, as the Lord would bless. I promise to be the spiritual leader of our covenant home, to direct our lives into a life of faith and hope in Christ Jesus, connected to the local church, and submitted to the Word of God, till death do us part.

Cindy: Joel, by God's grace, I love you as Christ loves us unconditionally and unselfishly. For God's glory, I receive you as my husband, to love you with all my heart's affection, to have and to hold from this day on, for better or for worse, for rich or for poor in sickness and in health. Joel, before God and these witnesses, I promise to honor you, respect you, trust you, submit to you, and provide a joyful home for you and our children, as the Lord would bless. I promise to follow you as the spiritual leader of our covenant home, to support and encourage you in the grace of Christ Jesus, connected to the local church, and submitted to the Word of God, till death do us part.