

## **My wife My life**

### **Adv Project 1**

“A good wife is one, who always forgives her husband when she is wrong” A quote I occasionally remember! .....

**TMOD, Fellow TM's, Ladies and guests a warm good evening to you all.**

If you want to keep yourself happy one hour, go for an hour sleep. If you want to stay good for a day, go for picnic. If you want to stay happy for three weeks, marriage is a good idea! If you want to stay happy for one year earn money like Tata or Birla.

Well toastmasters, if you want to enjoy happiness throughout your life, what should you do?

***(Wait for an answer from the audience) .***

***Simple.... Have a*** sense of humor! It is only the sense of humor that can help one to get back to normalcy even at times of distress. Someone said, life is a tragedy at close look, but a comedy when seen from a distant look.

In India, we have a peculiar custom, Every son or daughter should marry as early as possible. Parents go overboard even to choose the spouse. Before I close my eyes, I want to see my grandchildren. This is the fervent plea that often parents make. A slight acceptance, the girl is already chosen.

I succumbed to this pressure and found myself married. Not too soon, I held on for three years.

A newly wedded wife is an obsession of any newly married husband. He will follow her

everywhere, he will not like his wife cutting vegetables, he will be worried, she should not cut her fingers and so on. The new wives on the other hand do enjoy this doting but would curse the stupidity of the man. One day I told her, .I like sun during the day, I like moon in the night, but I like you day and night!. Frankly, I had forgotten about this for many years.

During the wedding reception, someone asked her, how she chose a rustic like Rajshekhar when she could have chosen an elite and rich man?

She started the speech, I'm so glad to be married to this person; caring, talented, modest, charming and ambitious – I can see why he picked me. Seriously, I don't think there could ever be anyone in this world more perfect for me than him and I appreciate my good fortune in marrying such a warm-hearted and loving man. I was head over heels when I heard her saying this.

This seemed for two months perhaps. I felt that she is giving overbearing looks! I innocently asked her, is anything upsetting? She said, we are no longer newly married. We should start to live a practical life. The honeymoon is over she said. We have lots of responsibilities. I never understood her logic, since then. I also know most talented toastmasters here have the same difficulty.

It is not out of place, when Benjamin Franklin said "Keep your eyes wide open before the wedding and half shut afterward". She became the center and axis of my life. One day, I got a good bonus and wanted to gift something special for her! What else other than a Diamond necklace would fit this occasion? I got her an expensive jewelry, but she was not very pleased.

She said, when I first met you, I was attracted by your ambition, drive and determination. These are the qualities that you should not lose in a marriage. These are better than diamonds that you want to get me! I learned that she is also aging along with me. She is getting more practical day by day. What interested her at 25 does not interest her at 35. I also change over the years. Our children have filled our lives. A

Marriage is like a Chinese knot. I wonder whether anyone unraveled the mystery. Sometimes, I feel it is like mathematics, when I could derive a formula or predict. Next moment, it is a statistic of unknown variables. Sometimes like an electrical circuit with positives and negatives, capacitance, impedance and resistance and short circuits, Two similar events bring drastically different results.

When creator created us, least he would have wanted to suffer. So suffering is our creation. We should consciously make efforts to be happy. I always want to find happiness in my relationships – spouse being fundamental. No matter whatever she brings to life, I must bring my best in relationships. You cannot find a better guide and philosopher than your wife. Of course, you should be ready for the brickbats. When she is a little more understanding, life blossoms. To a great extent, I am lucky. Be optimistic. In my life...my wife has made me very happy and I must take this opportunity to thank her not only for her enduring and patient love, but shaping me to what I am today.

In essence, she is the behind the scene director of my life and is an integral part of my success.

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