

Suskin-Ehrmann Wedding
April 8, 2017
The Seven Blessings

Blessing #1 – The Blessing of Generosity

Joy and David, the parents of the bride, give you the blessing of generosity. Generosity is important in marriage because it is the gift of giving and sharing selflessly.

May you be blessed with generosity of spirit, heart, and presence.

May your spirits shine bright and always light the way for each other.

May your hearts love fiercely and unconditionally.

May you always be present- both intellectually and emotionally available as a beacon of guidance and friendship, and a pillar of support.

Blessing #2 – The Blessing of Humor

Robin and Paul, the parents of the groom, give you both the blessing of humor.

Humor is important in marriage because it's a reminder to not take life too seriously all the time.

Humor helps diffuse uncomfortable situations and helps increase the connection you have with each other.

Make room for humor, laughing is healthy...and contagious.

May you find time each day to laugh together, have fun together.

May you always go to bed with smiles on your faces and in your hearts.

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Blessing #3 – The Blessing of Respect

Zack, Daniel, and Jodi, the brothers and sister-in-law of the groom, give you the blessing of respect.

Respect is the foundation of marriage. It's a deep and genuine appreciation of each other's motivations, opinions, talents and imperfections.

May you always see the best in each other, in good times and bad.

May you never forget how much you truly love and admire each other.

Looking forward, may your foundation of respect strengthen today and every day to come.

Blessing #4 – The Blessing of Compassion

Helaine and Rick, Howard and Jamie, and Beth and Leslie, the aunts and uncles of the bride, along with the bride's cousins, Ali, Madison, Caroline, and Jordana give you the blessing of compassion.

Compassion in a marriage is important because it promotes caring and kindness towards each other.

May you be blessed with compassion because it brings your minds and hearts together through understanding each other's plights and supporting each other through tough times.

Compassion also brings togetherness in marriage through this sharing.

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Blessing #5 – The Blessing of Appreciation for Our Differences

Dianne, Michael, Barry, Elaine, Cari, Dana, Brad, David, Mindy, Ari and Emmy—the Aunts, Uncles and Cousins of the groom, give you the blessing to appreciate your differences.

You first need to identify and accept your spouse's compatibilities and incompatibilities in order to appreciate each other's opportunity to be yourself.

Appreciation for your differences is important in marriage because "The goal in marriage is not to think alike, but to think together." Robert C. Dobbs

Blessing #6 – The Blessing of Openness

Grandma Selma, the grandmother of the bride, gives you the blessing of openness.

Openness is a challenge and is important in a marriage because it allows you to feel free to be the real you -no masquerade. It can be scary but is truly rewarding in its honesty

Blessing #7 – The Blessing of Making a Peaceful Home

Grammy Rita and Grandpa Jerry, the grandparents of the bride, give you the blessing of making a peaceful home. A peaceful home is important in marriage because it provides a haven from the outside world.

May you be blessed with a peaceful home that is filled with serenity, harmony, and love -a sanctuary that embraces and protects both of you.

May this peaceful home also be a haven with room for friends and family, and love and laughter.

A peaceful home is not only a place but a state of mind as well. May you always have a peaceful home in each other.