

## How to Use Famous Quotations In Your Speech

An effective technique for opening your speech is to use a quotation about love and marriage. The opening is the hook of your speech. It is what draws in the audience. It is absolutely crucial that you nail this part of your speech. You want to spend the majority of your time writing and rehearsing the opening and the conclusion. The reason is that after a few days, the only parts of your speech that will most likely be remembered are the opening and conclusion.

There are three primary objectives to any opening. Firstly, you must grab the audience's attention. The second objective is to give the audience an idea of what you will be speaking about. Finally, the opening also sets the tone for the speech.

However, a well placed quotation can be used in the body or even in the toast of the speech. The reason quotations are usually found in the introduction is because the speaker does not want to disrupt the flow of the speech.

It is not important that the quotation is famous but rather that the quotation used is relevant. For example, I remember one quotation for a Maid of Honor speech that used the quotation by Lao-tzu: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." The speaker segued into the following statement: "Ladies and gentlemen, today we were blessed to see Mark and Bridgette take their first step together as they begin one of life's magical journeys." Sometimes the quotation will be self-explanatory and other times you will want to relate the quotation to the couple.

## ***25 Quotations: Love and Marriage***

1. A kiss is a lovely trick designed by nature to stop speech when words become superfluous.  
**Ingrid Bergman**
2. A loving heart is the beginning of all knowledge.  
**Thomas Carlyle**
3. At the touch of love everyone becomes a poet.  
**Plato**
4. Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.  
**Lao Tzu**
5. Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love.  
**Albert Einstein**
6. Give her two red roses, each with a note. The first note says "For the woman I love" and the second, "For my best friend."  
**Anonymous**
7. If you judge people, you have no time to love them.  
**Mother Teresa**
8. The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.  
**Helen Keller**
9. Love is a game that two can play and both win.  
**Eva Gabor**
10. Love is like war: easy to begin but very hard to stop.  
**H. L. Mencken**
11. Loving is not just looking at each other, it's looking in the same direction.  
**Antoine de Saint-Exupery**
12. To love abundantly is to live abundantly, and to love forever is to live forever.  
**Henry Drummond**
13. Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.  
**Franklin P. Jones**

## ***Marriage Quotations***

1. A good marriage would be between a blind wife and a deaf husband.  
**Michel de Montaigne**
2. A man in love is incomplete until he has married. Then he's finished.  
**Zsa Zsa Gabor**
3. A man may be a fool and not know it, but not if he is married.  
**H. L. Mencken**
4. How can a woman be expected to be happy with a man who insists on treating her as if she were a perfectly normal human being.  
**Oscar Wilde**
5. If you would have a good wife, marry one who has been a good daughter.  
**Thomas Fuller**
6. I have great hopes that we shall love each other all our lives as much as if we had never married at all.  
**Lord Byron**
7. It's a funny thing that when a man hasn't anything on earth to worry about, he goes off and gets married.  
**Robert Frost**
8. Love: A temporary insanity curable by marriage.  
**Ambrose Bierce**
9. Plant and your spouse plants with you; weed and you weed alone.  
**Jean Jacques Rousseau**
10. Rituals are important. Nowadays it's hip not to be married. I'm not interested in being hip.  
**John Lennon**
11. The majority of husbands remind me of an orangutan trying to play the violin.  
**Honore de Balzac**
12. The best friend is likely to acquire the best wife, because a good marriage is based on the talent for friendship.  
**Friedrich Nietzsche**