

## **Family Council**

### **Family Education Videos on “Marital Happiness and Harmony” – Ingredients of Marriage**

#### **Episode 3: The Bitter Toil of Novice Parenting**

##### Video’s Transcript

- Chef Moustachio : To many, the mention of marriage will get them saying  
“I have mixed feelings about it.”  
It sounds that marriage is a bit bitter, rather bland.  
In my private kitchen, I am to help couples turn things  
from bitter to beautiful!
- White bitter melon : Sweetheart, oh, how you toil with such a pregnant tummy to  
(Chris) do shopping still!
- Green bitter melon : Oh, honey, how you toil even harder shelling out your money  
(Bobo) and making the effort to take me to shopping!
- White bitter melon : Kiss, kiss!  
& Green bitter  
melon (Bobo &  
Chris)
- Chef Moustachio : Enough! Bitter melons are for eating, not toying!  
I know that you’ll soon take up the duties of parenthood  
with the sweat and toil of it.  
Take some fresh farm eggs to invigorate yourselves!
- Bobo : Sure! There are enough eggs for us to keep some for making  
traditional red eggs.
- Chris : Good idea! We may also ask Chef Moustachio to autograph  
the red eggs.
- Bobo : Chef Moustachio’s creations, made to perfection!

Chef Moustachio : Isn't it too soon to prepare the red eggs?

Egg : It isn't too soon! Look at the many things they have prepared for the baby well ahead.

Bobo : Twenty baby bottles!

Chris : She said that washing them in time won't be a problem then.

Bobo : Thirty baby undershirts!

Chris : She said that drying them in time won't be a problem then.

Bobo : Twelve baby monitors!

Chris : She said that the baby must be seen from all angles.

Bobo : Countless soft mats!

Chris : She said that mats should cover the whole place save the ceiling.

Bobo : Uh-oh! Is there anything missing?

Egg : Sigh! They are making themselves miserable for the baby. Chef Moustachio, it's our show time!

Chef Moustachio : Bobo, beat the eggs!  
Chris, stir-fry the bitter melons!

Having kids is comparable to eating bitter melons  
Some couples would avoid the bitterness  
by simply not having any.

Even if willing to have kids,  
new parents find everything worrisome

and wear a sad face all day long.

Well done.

Okay! Let me serve the dishes  
specially made for new parents...  
scrambled eggs with sliced bitter melon!

Bobo & Chris : For new parents?

Chef Moustachio : Yes! If the eggs were babies, the bitter melon slices  
would mean the bitter toil in raising them.

So long as the married couples work together and  
blend the two well, the bitter melon will be  
the better melon over time!

Chris : So, bitter together.

Bobo : Then comes the sweet smell of success.

Chef Moustachio : And taste it together!

Chris : Just as bitter melons taste bitter,  
(Big bitter melon) taking care of a baby takes bitter toil and that is a fact.

Bobo : The variable is how it tastes to the  
(Big egg) married couples trying it together.

Chris : Chef Moustachio, the ingredients you use are so fresh,  
so very lively that they seem to know acting!

Bobo : Not as lively as you!  
The manliness in you today from watching football matches  
overnight will go up when you rise to feed the baby  
in the small hours!

Chris : No dispute.

Chef Moustachio : Let him finish it.

Expert : Lastly, one more thing:  
never take a change in your lifestyle as a bitter thing.  
Instead, try to turn the change into a new joy for yourselves.  
I have a couple of suggestions for you.

For example:

Rise in the small hours to feed the baby will earn you a stamp,  
of which a collection of ten can redeem massaging by the other.

Also, married couples may together learn to make congee  
from online videos, do the tasting and get spoonfuls of  
sweetness.

Sometimes, when either side vents out negative feelings,  
there is no need to mind his or her wording too much.  
Probably, what is needed is lending your ear or giving a hug.