

# THE SMILE ON THE CRUISE

A widower in his middle years was on a Caribbean cruise. On the first day out, he noticed an attractive woman about his age who smiled at him in a friendly way as he passed her on the deck, which pleased him.

That night, he managed to get seated at the same table with her for dinner. As the conversation developed, he commented that he had seen her on the deck that day and he had appreciated her friendly smile.

When she heard this, she smiled and commented, "Well, the reason I smiled was that when I saw you, I was immediately struck by your strong resemblance to my third husband."

"Oh, how many times have you been married?" the man asked.

The woman looked down at her plate, smiled demurely, and answered, "Twice."

We chuckle at the story, but it contains a couple of elements important to remember:



1. Planning is always essential to the success of any endeavor. In this lady's case, it was her next wedding.
2. Confidence in what we seek to accomplish certainly helps us achieve our mission. Confidence develops from education, experience, and a recognition of God's plans for one's life.

– Beecher Hunter