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**Man’s resolve to love wife despite opposite HIV status**

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Christine Atieno (not her real name) is HIV positive.

Her husband, Cliff Odongo, 65, is HIV negative.

Mr Odongo (not his real name) has been living with his 58-year-old wife as a discordant couple.

The couple, who have been married for over 30 years, said that their relationship had not been changed by the disease in spite of Atieno urging her husband to find a healthy second wife, to continue leading a normal sexual life.

“I have been urging my husband to get married to another woman but he has always refused saying that I didn’t get the disease from another man and according to him, this is just God’s plan,” she said.

Their love goes back to their youthful days where Odongo said Atieno accepted to marry him despite a physical disability.  
“As you can see, I have a shorter leg and I walk with a limp. Again I am shorter than my wife, but I love her very much and she has shown me the same affection,” said Odongo.

He noted that he was not returning a favour by continuing to love and live with his wife despite her condition, but he simply cared about her.

“My wife urged me to get married to another woman when she realised that she had the disease but I have never imagined living with any other woman other than her,” said Odongo.

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The couple revealed that they do not use condoms.

“I cannot and I have never used a condom with my wife. As long as my conscience is clear that she did not go out there to look for the virus, why should I use a condom,” he posed.

Mr Odongo added that Atieno was his wife and he did not mind if they died at the same time.

The couple who come from Voi in Taita Taveta County has nine grown children.