

Ten Wrong Reasons For Getting Married

1. Pressure From Family Or Friends

- Ultimately, you are the one making a lifelong commitment. It's important not to give in to pressure from other people, but to marry the one God has placed in your life and you know is right for you.

2. Your Biological Clock Is Ticking

- God knows the desires of your heart. He knows if you want children, and He can make a way for you, even when it seems as if there is no way.
- Just because your answer is delayed doesn't mean it's been denied.

3. You're Lonely

- Being alone doesn't mean you have to be lonely.

4. You're Tired Of Being A Third Wheel

5. Someone Loves You And/Or Needs You

- You don't want to marry someone just because they need your help.

6. Based On Their Looks Alone

- Looks will fade and bodies will change, so what's important is what's on the inside of someone.

7. You Think No One Else May Want You

- Often times there may be a counterfeit right before the real thing.

8. Money Only

- Money is important, but it's not everything!

9. You Need Help

- A spouse should help you with raising children, cleaning the house, but that shouldn't be the only reason you marry someone.

10. You Want To Have Sex

- You need to make sure that you don't rush into marriage just to meet certain physical needs. Ask God to help you and give you strength to wait for the right one.

Before You Say, "I Do"

The Importance of Counseling

- Knowledge is power. The more you learn ahead of time the better your marriage can be.

The Five Most Important Things To Discuss Before Marriage

1. Religion

- If your potential mate is not on the same wavelength with you spiritually, it can be a problem. (*2 Corinthians 6:14; Amos 3:3*)

2. Money

- You have to be honest about what lifestyle you expect to have when you're married.
- Find out about the other person's spending and saving habits.

3. Sex

4. Children

- You need to be in agreement whether or not you want to have children and how many you want to have.
- How to discipline your children and what you believe along these lines is a huge issue in many families.

5. Career/Work

- You shouldn't marry someone who isn't willing to back your dream.

Marriage Is About Walking In Love

- Walking in love means putting the other person and their needs before your own. (*1 Corinthians 13:4-8*)
- Love is a commitment and a decision, not a feeling.

What Men Need:

1. Honor
2. Sex
3. Loyalty and Honesty
4. Domestic support
5. Recreation

What Women Need:

1. Love & Affection
2. Communication/Conversation
3. Security
4. Trust
5. Family Commitment