

MARRIAGE: SELECTION OF A LIFETIME MATE

1. Falling in love is not always rational. People often marry when judgment is null and void. It is important, therefore, to absorb principles of application of Bible doctrine before you become emotionally involved.
2. Don't marry an unbeliever, 2 Cor. 6:14-18.
3. Don't marry in immaturity, while you are too young.
4. Don't marry on a wave of libido
5. Don't marry simply for sexual satisfaction. Sex is not love, only one of the many manifestations of love. Love is a MENTAL ATTITUDE. When you magnify sex out of its proper perspective you ignore the field of:
 - a. Spiritual compatibility and/or doctrine.
 - b. Economic compatibility (you should be in agreement as to how money should be handled).
 - c. Recreational compatibility.
 - d. Mental compatibility.
6. Don't marry because of social pressure:
 - a. "I'll never have another chance" concept.
 - b. Pregnancy.
 - c. To solve problems.
7. Do not marry a divorced person expect under bona fide conditions.
8. Do not marry to acquire a status symbol, or to improve economic situation in life.
9. Do not marry with the attitude that if things do not work out that you can get out of it easily.
10. Do not marry a person because they are sympathetic to you in a stress period (any port in a storm).
11. A neurotic, a gambling addict, a jealous person, an alcoholic, or an egotist would not make a good mate.
12. Women should not get married until they understand the principle that in marriage they lose their freedom to some extent. A woman must be careful to surrender her volition to a man who will cherish it, not one who will abuse it.
13. A man must be willing to assume leadership and should be careful to find a woman with the proper mental attitude.