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Marriage Cheat Sheet

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The Purpose of Marriage

To Follow The Lord Together Revelation 4:11, Ecclesiastes 12:13

To Make Disciples Matthew 28:18-20

Companionship Genesis 2:18

To Have Children Genesis 1:28, Psalm 112:2

Teamwork Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Ephesians 2:10

Intimacy Genesis 2:24, The Song of Solomon

To Prevent Sexual Temptation 1 Corinthians 7:2, 1 Corinthians 7:5

General Advice

Don't marry someone you can live with, marry someone you can't live without. Trust in the plan of God. Wait on the Lord. **Proverbs 18:22, Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 19:21, Psalm 27:14**

It is better to be single and miserable than married and miserable. Don't marry the wrong person. **Proverbs 12:4, Colossians 3:19**

What you see is what you get. They might resist the completion of the Lord. **1 Corinthians 3:1-3, Philippians 1:6**

The Baseline for Marriage

1. **Spiritual Commonality** More than just believing in God. You must align on major doctrines. **2 Corinthians 6:14, 1 Peter 3:8**

2. **Family Unity** If both sets of parents do not like each other that is a problem. Marriage is not only the union of two people but a union of two families. **John 17:21**

3. **Things in Common** You will be old and wrinkly when you are 80. You should like to do similar things so that you have more to do than just eating. **Philippians 2:1-2**

4. **Physical Chemistry** Most people put this first and ignore the first three. The first three are more important. **Proverbs 11:22**

The Role of The Husband

1. To love the Lord God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. To love others. **Mark 12:30, Matthew 22:39**

2. To love his wife sacrificially and teach her the word of God. **Ephesians 5:25-27**

3. To dwell with the wife in an understanding way as the weaker vessel. **1 Peter 3:7**

4. To provide and protect. **1 Timothy 5:8, Matthew 12:29**

The Role of The Wife

1. To love God with all her heart, soul, mind, and strength. To love others. **Mark 12:30, Matthew 22:39**

2. To submit to her husband in everything. **Ephesians 5:22-24**

3. To be a keeper of the home. **Titus 2:5**

4. To be a helper to her husband. **Genesis 2:18**

How to Find a Spouse

Go to church. Join a singles Bible study. Serve the Lord at church or in a faith based charity.

Guys, get a job that has an income that can support a family. When things go wrong, help others.

Girls, help your mother and be a keeper of the home. Honor your father and mother.

What to Look for In A Husband

Reject a guy that wants to have sex before marriage. **1 Corinthians 6:9**

Look for a guy that loves the Lord. A guy that loves the Lord serves the Lord. Attending church is not enough. **1 Samuel 12:24**

Look for a guy who has a job that can support a family. A guy with a fast food job is not enough. **1 Timothy 5:8**

What to Look for In A Husband (cont)

Look for a guy who loves sacrificially. Does he come to the rescue like a knight in shining armor when things go wrong and you need help? **Ephesians 5:25-27**

What to Look for in a Wife

Reject a girl that desires to have sex before marriage. **1 Corinthians 6:9**

Look for a girl that loves the Lord. A girl that loves the Lord serves the Lord. Attending church is not enough. **1 Samuel 12:24**

Look for a submissive girl. A girl that is disobedient to her father will be disobedient to you. **Ephesians 6:1-3, Proverbs 21:9**

Look for a girl that desires to be a keeper of the home. Look for a girl that desires to multiply with children. Reject a girl that desires a career instead of children. **Genesis 1:28, Titus 2:5**

How Marriage Works

Love and Cherish Let all that you do be done with love. 1 Corinthians 16:14

Communicate Use words, not notes or hints. Only God can read people's minds. Speak the truth *in love*. Ephesians 4:15

Work with All Your Heart Marriage is not 50/50. Marriage is 100/100. Proverbs 6:6-11, Colossians 3:23

Show the Fruit of the Spirit Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Galations 5:22-23

Strength and Honor Show initiative each day to honor your spouse with words and actions. Philippians 2:3

Be Tenderhearted and Forgiving Ephesians 4:32

Be Intimate 1 Corinthians 7:3-8

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