

SO YOU WANT TO BE MARRIED

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People has different reasons for wanting to be married. Some want to get married for **security**. Some men get married for the sake of **sex**, or for the sake of **possessing** a woman they esteemed as very beautiful.

Most women when they think that they are passing their **flower of youth** and are getting old and losing their looks and that no man will want them, hurriedly seek to get married. Some women (especially in religions) get married for sex or for status or acceptance in society!

Sometimes a girl may become associated with a boy and her emotions become affected by the boy. As a result, she develops strong **likemia** for the boy and is much overwhelmed by this '**crush**', so she cannot bear to be separated from him for a moment. Therefore they rush to get married even though they lack the general experience that constitutes a marriage relationship!

Today divorce is on an increase and **faithfulness** in a marriage relationship is a rare thing, either by practice or by thoughts. All this shows to us is a basic lack in an understanding in the heavy responsibilities that go with marriage.

All these reasons for marriage may cause a certain amount of self-justification for going into marriage, but they will not hold when the wedding is completed and the two persons settle down to live with each other's horrible faults.

Becoming accustom to each other, brings an awareness of reality that temporarily dispels the likemic feelings. The awareness of each, now '**owns**' the other, evaporates any ethical or romantic pretense that were used to win the acceptance of each other so the real person begins to be revealed. It is then that each person is faced with dealing with each other, that which they knew nothing about or that they refused to entertain when they were counselled before they were married! The self- interest of each person that were the real motives behind the marriage, begins to reveal themselves by the demands they place upon each other, which occurs sometime in the settling period after the wedding.

So you want to get married? Then why not think about the responsibilities that go with the relationship? Why not heed the indicators to the real nature of your prospective friend? Why not heed the advice of one who encourages you to put reality above feelings? To abandon yourself to hopes of happiness on the basis of temporary feelings, is an unscientific and dangerous move, one that you will suffer for in the chaos and wrongs in the marriage relationship.

Marriage is not a license of self-service from someone. It is a taking up of a continuous service to your partner for the development of each characters and the characters of children that may come through the union. It is a move of maturity by truly mature persons who are willing to toil for the spiritual and material success of their partner, for the work and glory of God.

This move takes into consideration that the couple could help each other because they are qualified by mature grace. Thus by getting married they are merely doing the will of God which will ensure the fulfillment of His holy Law.

If some of you could go into the future and view the pain and sufferings, the frustrations and unhappiness that would have been generated by your marriage union, you would never go into it. You would flee that very moment from the intention to ever get married.

So before you have any regrets, discovered after your wedding, that you chose the wrong person, then change your mind about it before your marriage. Even though you are walking down the aisle.

Do not go through with the wedding because the guests are around. Endure the embarrassment of calling off the wedding, for not one of the guests will be around to pick up the pieces when your marriage crashes.

Therefore, it is better to let the gospel determine your choice so that you will be secured.

AMEN.