

Pre-Marital Counseling Session Five



I. Old Business

- A. What have you discussed since we last met?
- B. Is there any old business we need to discuss?
- C. Discuss your budget.

II. The Big Weekend

A. Rehearsal

1. Time
2. Place
3. Dress
4. Be Prepared
 - a. I have never been to a rehearsal dinner that ran smoothly
 - b. The guys will not take this seriously
 - c. Serve dinner last!

B. Wedding Day

1. What family traditions will be continued at the wedding?
2. Be prepared
 - a. There is something that goes wrong at every wedding

1) The parents and wedding party notice

2) No one else will

C. License

1. Buy it early and put it in a safe place
2. Give it to the minister at the rehearsal

III. Suggestions

A. Honeymoon

1. Planned a relaxed schedule at a place where there is plenty to do.
2. Only travel a short distance on the first night.
3. Be realistic in your expectations.
 - a. The “perfect” trip
 - b. Sexually
4. Plan a trip that you will both enjoy.
5. Talk, Talk, Talk, Talk, Talk, Talk, Talk, Talk
6. Select a place where you can be Mr. and Mrs. _____, unknown to others.

B. When you take pictures before the wedding, you have an opportunity to enjoy the reception with the guests and can leave for the honeymoon quicker.

C. Have someone pack you a picnic of food from the reception. You will probably not get to eat at the reception and this way you can eat on the way to the hotel.

D. Car Decoration.

1. It will probably happen; you have little choice.
2. You do control your attitude; your choice will make a great difference.
3. If you are afraid you can always hide you car in plain sight.

IV. Conclusion

A. Closing Questions

You are not married until you say "I Do." So as we close we must ask and be totally honest with ourselves. Marriage is forever, and you and your spouse's happiness will depend on your willingness to humble yourself and make sure your future spouse is the "priority" in your house.

- 1) Are you sure that you will be able to give completely over to this person. Give up your wants, wishes, and life goals to make them happy?
- 2) Are you willing to totally accept their family as your own, to love them speak kind of them, and support them even when they act differently that the way that you were raised?
- 3) Are you willing to share everything? No longer your money, your time, your home, your car, your ... but our money, our time, our home, our car, our ...
- 4) Are you sure that you are willing to do what ever is necessary to help your future spouse get to heaven?
- 5) Do you truly believe that your future spouse will do all of these things for you?
- 6) What area's do you disagree on and what ones are deal breakers, and which ones are you willing to give over completely?

C. Permit yourself to spend a year or two in adjustment

D. Hopefully we can have a follow up session in a year to see how it's going.

