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# HOW TO CHOOSE A PARTNER FOR LIFE?

Marriage is something sacred in the union of man and woman, God is truly present. In each relationship, he has continued his creative work and recorded his jubilation in the body. We must not separate what God has united.

Deep intimacy is very rare. Studies show that only 10% of couples experience true intimacy in their relationship. The rest stay together for the sake of the children or a sense of duty. But they never achieve the noble goal of a true relationship.

Choosing a life partner is very important. Everyone who does not aspire to celibacy should, at a young age, think about having a partner for the rest of their lives.

It's about making life's vows. It is important to recognize that man is the only species that cannot live alone.

## When is the best time to make a choice?

the wise Salomon in Ecclesiastes says that "there is a time for everything". So, there is a time for people to believe in choosing a partner. This time can be based on the individual's level of maturity. Two factors are important to consider before choosing someone.

# The question of age

This question could be left to the discretion of the person making the choice. However, it would be wise to give some advice and warning on the question of age.

Traditionally, generally, a man would choose a woman younger than himself, and the difference could vary from 1 to 5 years. Sometimes, the girl could be 1 to 3 years older than the young man. It all depends on the situation and circumstances.

# The question of occupancy

Once again, this question should be left to the discretion of the person choosing. Indeed, it would be fair to give some advice. It would be best for a man or a woman to choose someone according to his or her social standing. It is therefore extremely important to consider the profession of the person who will become your partner.

For example, if I don't like to travel, it would be dangerous for me to choose a driver or pilot for my wife or husband. So, occupation plays an important role.

# Important facts for making the right choice.

# 1.Spirituality of the person

The spirituality of the partner is the most important thing young people should look at before making a choice. They should remember Solomon's statement that "the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom".

## 2. Education of the person

This aspect of choosing a partner could be left to the discretion of the person making the choice. However, experience shows us that it would be better for someone to choose someone with roughly the same level of education.

Certainly, if there really is the true love that the apostle Paul mentioned in 1 Cor. 13.4-7, the level of education should pose no problem at home. Nevertheless, it would be advantageous for a person to choose a partner who has roughly the same level of education.

# 3. The culture of the individual

The individual's culture is very important. I advise people to be very careful, because if their culture is different, there must be an adaptation, or it could be very costly for one or the other to pay the price.

## 4. The social aspect

This facet is also important to consider. We need to choose a person who is sociable. Some people are very difficult to socialize with.

5. The dating periods. The length of the engagement The dating period should not be too long, so as not to give Satan the opportunity to tempt you and initiate you into sexual immorality.

# Here are 7 pre-wedding recommendations.

1. Don't marry the person you think you can't live with. Marry the one you can't live without.

2. Don't marry a person of undesirable character and behavior.

3. Don't marry someone you intend to change.

4. Don't marry impulsively! I can't think of a better way to waste your life by deciding too quickly and without prayer.

5. Don't marry someone emotionally or under pressure from a relative.

6. If you're truly a committed Christian, don't yoke yourself to an unbeliever. You can expect the person to share your faith in the future, but it's risky.

7. Don't engage in any form of sexual relationship before marriage. Not only is it immoral, but it is 50% more likely to divorce than those who don't.

Finally, and most important of all, you must pray to God for help because without the help of the Almighty, you won't be able to make a good choice.

Do not choose a partner and recommend him or her to God as some people do because God does not take command. But first, ask the Lord to choose for you and surely, He will send the right one your way.