

The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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Eight Keys for Unlocking the Door to a Great Marriage

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Eight Essentials to Help You Make a Wise Decision in Choosing Your Marriage Companion

1. Put character above physical beauty
Prov. 31:10-31; 11:22; Luke 1:27-42; I Peter 3:3-6
2. Marry a faithful child of God
Marry someone who will help you get to heaven
Eph. 5:22-30; Matt. 6:33; Rom. 13:14; I Cor. 9:5
I Cor. 7:15 – Unbelievers often leave the marriage union
3. Choose a companion with whom you are socially compatible
Gen. 2:18
4. Choose a companion with a good work ethic
Eph. 4:28; I Tim. 5:8; Matt. 25:26; Tit. 2:5; Prov. 31:10-31
5. Choose a companion who respects the permanency of the marriage union
Matt. 19:3-12; Rom. 7:2, 3
6. Choose a companion who is willing to make adjustments and compromises when needed – consistent with God’s word
Eph. 4:14; I Pet. 3:1, 2; Eph. 5:22-30
7. Pray continually for God’s help and guidance
Phil. 4:6; Eph. 6:18
8. Meet the parents
Gen. 18:19

You Preach First

The first sermon preached each Sunday is not by the minister, but by you.

You preach a message of good cheer when you say, “Good Morning” to those you meet when you park your car and when you are in the hallway and classroom.

You preach a message of welcome when you slide over in the pew instead of forcing others to squeeze in front of you.

You preach a message of hope and joy when you sing enthusiastically during the song service.

You preach a message about the power of prayer when you fervently enter into our time of prayer together.

You preach a message of respect when you listen attentively to the Bible message.

You preach a message of love when you smile, say hello, and introduce yourself to visitors.

You preach a message of faith when you give your offering.

You preach a message about the importance of the Scriptures when you bring your Bible.

Many messages are preached before the evangelist stands up to bring his message. If your message is positive and consistent, then the message given from the pulpit will be much better received.

Come each Sunday prepared to preach your sermon.

Anonymous

News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”
James 5:16