

PREDICTORS OF MARITAL SUCCESS

NUMBER ONE

- HAD PREMARRITAL CONFIDENCE
- Never go to the altar with ANY doubts!

COMMIT YOUR WORKS TO THE LORD AND YOUR PLANS
WILL BE ESTABLISHED.
(PROVERBS 16:3)



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NUMBER TWO

- DATED TWO YEARS OR MORE
- It is important not to short-circuit the mate-selection process by getting married too soon.

THERE IS AN APPOINTED TIME FOR EVERYTHING ...
HE HAS MADE EVERYTHING APPROPRIATE IN ITS
TIME. (ECCLESIASTES 3:11)



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NUMBER THREE

- SOUGHT THE SUPPORT OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
- Happy couples understand that one “marries” not only the spouse but the spouse’s family.

**WITHOUT CONSULTATION, PLANS ARE FRUSTRATED, BUT
WITH MANY COUNSELORS THEY SUCCEED.
(PROVERBS 15:22)**



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NUMBER FOUR

- MARRIED IN A FORMAL WEDDING RATHER THAN ELOPING
- Take your wedding serious in light of God's will.

"SO THEY ARE NO LONGER TWO, BUT ONE FLESH.
WHAT THEREFORE GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER, LET
NO MAN SEPARATE."
(MATTHEW 19:6)



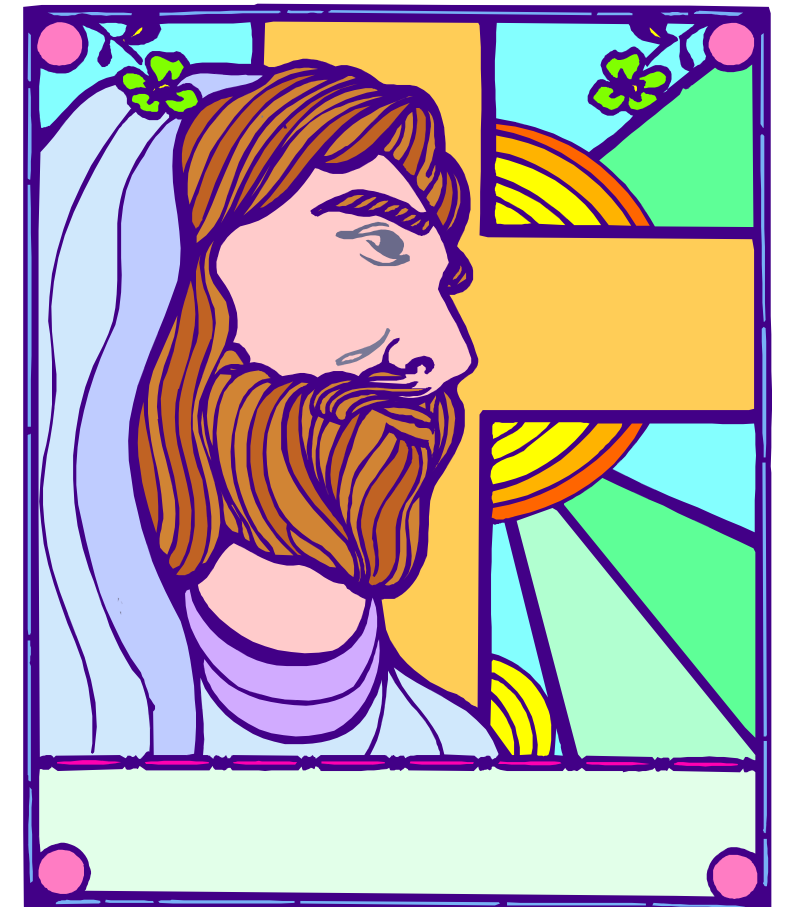
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NUMBER FIVE

- PRESERVED PURITY UNTIL MARRIAGE
- Do not allow sin to mar your happiness:
now and later!

MARRIAGE IS TO BE HELD IN HONOR AMONG ALL,
AND THE MARRIAGE BED IS TO BE UNDEFILED; FOR
FORNICATORS AND ADULTERERS GOD WILL JUDGE.

(HEBREWS 13:4)



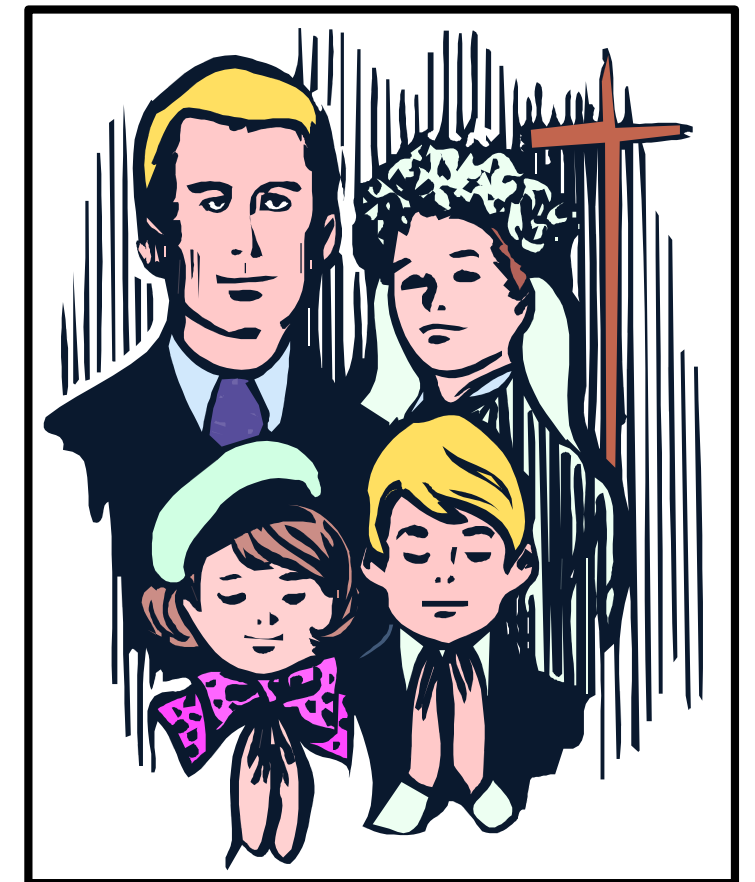
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NUMBER SIX

- SHARED VALUES, ESPECIALLY SHARED FAITH
- *Decide you will marry a Christian or you will not marry.*

YOU HUSBANDS IN THE SAME WAY, LIVE WITH YOUR WIVES IN AN UNDERSTANDING WAY ... SHOW HER HONOR AS A FELLOW HEIR OF THE GRACE OF LIFE, SO THAT YOUR PRAYERS WILL NOT BE HINDERED.

(1 PETER 3:7)

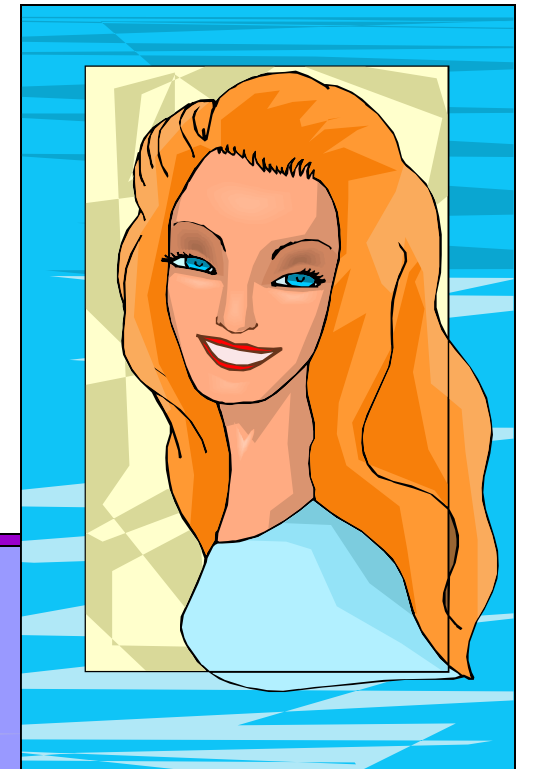
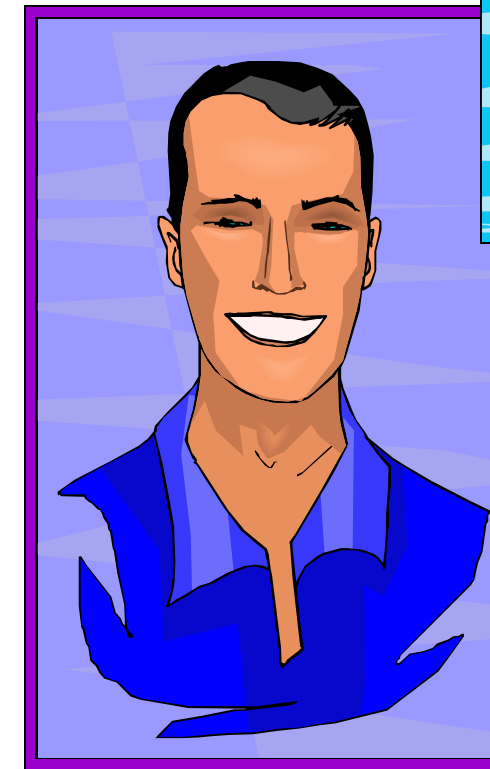


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NUMBER SEVEN

- UNDERWENT PREMARITAL COUNSELING
- To fail to prepare is to plan to fail.

ACQUIRE WISDOM! ACQUIRE UNDERSTANDING!
DO NOT FORGET NOR TURN AWAY FROM THE
WORDS OF MY MOUTH.
(PROVERBS 4:5)

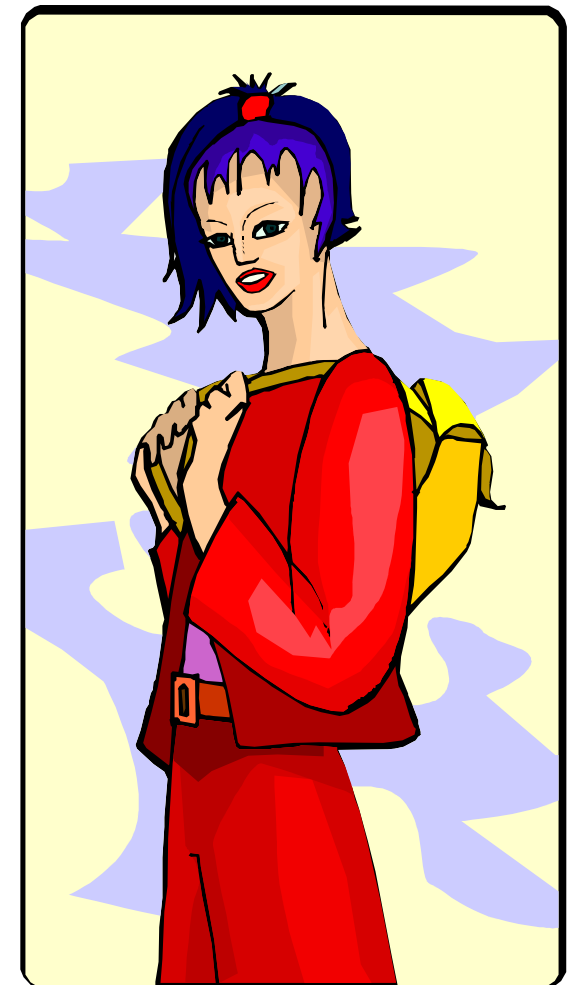


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NUMBER EIGHT

- MARRIED AFTER THEIR TEENAGE YEARS
- Teens chance of divorce is twice as high as those over twenty.

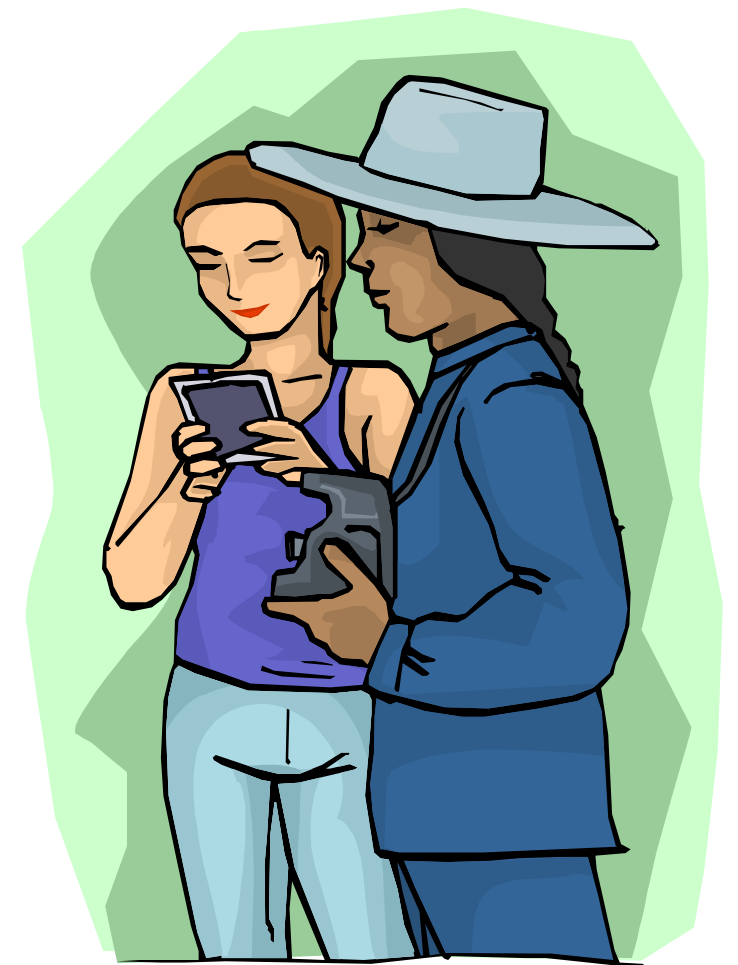
THAT AGED WOMEN ... TEACHERS OF THAT WHICH IS GOOD; THAT THEY MAY TRAIN THE YOUNG WOMEN
(TITUS 2:3-4)



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NUMBER NINE

- MARRIED WITHIN THE SAME RACE/ETHNIC GROUP
- On average they face double the risk of divorce.



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NUMBER TEN

- CAME FROM STABLE HOMES
- If both spouses are from divorced homes, they have an 80% chance of divorcing.



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NUMBER ELEVEN

- GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE
- Those who graduate stay together more often than those who have dropped out of school.
- The character of being willing to stay with something; no matter what.
- Needed in marriage!



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NUMBER TWELVE

- ESTABLISHED THE HUSBAND AS THE PRIMARY PROVIDER
- “The husband is the head of the wife” (Ephesians 5:23).
- As a man’s ability to be a breadwinner increases, his risk of divorce decreases dramatically.



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NUMBER THIRTEEN

- WERE MENTALLY STABLE AND FREE FROM ADDICTIONS
- Neither partner should be a substance abuser, an alcoholic, or have psychological problems for which no help has been sought.



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NUMBER FOURTEEN

- WERE WILLING TO SEEK HELP EARLY
- When both spouses seek counseling as soon as problems develop, they increased their chance of success to 87%!

