

## **A Wedding Planning Guide for Christian Couples**

“Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.” (Mark 10:9 NIV)

Weddings are life-changing moments for couples, their families, and friends. No matter the style, Christian couples should want to honor God with their wedding ceremony. Here are some tips for planning your wedding and your "happily ever after."

### **Five Tips for Honoring God with Your Wedding and Your Marriage**

1. Seek out a pastor, minister, or Christian counselor who is willing to provide pre-marital counseling or a marriage preparation course.
2. Include traditions, symbols, music, and Scriptures in your ceremony that highlight your shared faith as a couple.
3. Don't sweat the small stuff – your wedding ceremony doesn't have to be "perfect" for you to strong, happy, and fulfilling marriage
4. Develop a network of like-minded couples who will support and encourage you over the long-haul.
5. Find a church where you and your spouse can worship, grow, and serve together.

### **Select Scriptures to Include in Your Wedding Ceremony**

Genesis 1:27-28	The image and blessing of God
Genesis 2:18-25	The origination of marriage
Ruth 1:16-17	Two lives become one
Proverbs 3:5-8	Trusting in God as a way of life
Proverbs 30:18-19	Four beautiful mysteries
Proverbs 31:10-31	The surpassing value of a good wife
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	The power of companionship
Song of Solomon 2:16	A statement of loving commitment
Song of Solomon 8:6-7	The unquenchable fire of love
Mark 10:9	The permanence of the marriage covenant
John 3:16	God's plan for love and salvation
Romans 12:9-13	The authenticity of love
Romans 13:8	The debt of love
Galatians 5:13	Serve one another in love
Ephesians 5:22-33	Christ and the church: a pattern for married love
Philippians 1:3-7	Gratitude for a good partnership
Colossians 3:12-14	Put on love as the bond of unity
Corinthians 13:1-7	The characteristics of genuine love
1 Peter 3:1-7	The right behavior of husbands and wives
1 Peter 4:8	The power of love over sin
1 John 4:16-19	The power of love over fear