

## The 10 Steps of a Biblical Betrothal and Marriage

Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_;  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_;  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_;  
\_\_\_\_\_! (NKJ)

### Biblical Concepts Accepted by Our Forefathers

A father should be a \_\_\_\_\_.

A mother should be the father's \_\_\_\_\_.

A woman cannot serve \_\_\_\_\_.

Fathers must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ their own children.

Families should embrace \_\_\_\_\_.

Parents are responsible for helping their \_\_\_\_\_ find a \_\_\_\_\_.

### Why Betrothal?

Exodus 25:9

Make this \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (NIV)

Throughout the Bible we see a \_\_\_\_\_ who establishes \_\_\_\_\_. These \_\_\_\_\_ are often designed to reveal to us great \_\_\_\_\_, which help us to understand \_\_\_\_\_ truths.

Ephesians 5:31-32

“For this reason \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.”  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (NIV)

God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for marriage enables us to understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_.

When God establishes a \_\_\_\_\_, it is important for us to \_\_\_\_\_,  
so we can learn the \_\_\_\_\_ he intended for us to learn from it.

### **What is the Meaning of Life and the Creation?**

In the beginning, we find a \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 2:22

Then the LORD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (NIV)

At the end, we find a \_\_\_\_\_.

Revelation 19:7,9

Let us rejoice \_\_\_\_\_!  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_, “ \_\_\_\_\_: “ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_!” \_\_\_\_\_,  
“ \_\_\_\_\_.” (NIV)

The reason for all of creation is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. God the \_\_\_\_\_ created man and his environment, and determined to interact with him through human history, because he was seeking a \_\_\_\_\_ for his son, Jesus Christ. Once the Bride of Christ – which is the \_\_\_\_\_ -- is formed, then the forms that were used to complete it will be \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Peter 3:12

Looking for and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(NKJ)

### **Don't Just Listen to God's Word – Do It!**

James 1:22,25

Do not merely \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_. ...  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (NIV)

### **Step #1**

The \_\_\_\_\_ seeks a \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_, and begins the \_\_\_\_\_ process.

Negotiations must include a careful evaluation of the qualifications of the prospective mate.

### **Qualifications of a Suitor: Part 1**

Look for a good \_\_\_\_\_ record. Make certain the prospect has been \_\_\_\_\_ in small things. Has he honored his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_? Has he been \_\_\_\_\_ in his work?

## **Guarding Hearts**

A father must be like the good \_\_\_\_\_, and protect his children – especially his \_\_\_\_\_ -- from the \_\_\_\_\_ that would seek to snatch them from the flock.

A daughter needs to give her father the \_\_\_\_\_ to her heart. She needs to vow not to entertain \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ about young men, not to \_\_\_\_\_ to young men, and to not \_\_\_\_\_ young men. She needs to concentrate on the work that \_\_\_\_\_ has called her to do in her current season of life, until the day her father gives his blessing for her to give her \_\_\_\_\_ to another man.

## **Qualifications of a Suitor: Part 2**

Does he have a clear \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word? Can he \_\_\_\_\_ apply God's Word to \_\_\_\_\_ situations? Has he demonstrated the \_\_\_\_\_ needed to \_\_\_\_\_ your daughter and grandchildren from physical, moral, and spiritual danger? Does he exhibit self-\_\_\_\_\_ and restraint? Can he control his \_\_\_\_\_? Does he have a \_\_\_\_\_ vision for the future, as part of a multi-\_\_\_\_\_ family?

What question should a father ask of a young man who comes to him asking to court his daughter? "Where's your \_\_\_\_\_!?"

Will he personally \_\_\_\_\_ your grandchildren? Does he demonstrate \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Will he \_\_\_\_\_ the special gifts and talents God has given your daughter?

## **The Daughter's Response**

If a young man meets the qualifications, and he, his parents, and the young woman's parents all agree to proceed, the next step is for the young woman's father to ask an important question: Do you wish to be \_\_\_\_\_ by this young man?

## **Ground Rules During Courtship**

Answer questions with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The young man must be strictly admonished to make no attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the young woman's heart. Courtship is a time for asking and \_\_\_\_\_ questions. To attempt to win someone's affections before there is a commitment to marriage is defrauding.

### **Step #2**

After \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations, the son makes an offer of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Step #3**

The bride \_\_\_\_\_ the offer of marriage.

Father's should be sensitive to offer their daughters whatever level of guidance they need to seek God's \_\_\_\_\_ in making this decision.

### **Step #4**

The son pays the \_\_\_\_\_.

Because all men are sinners, it was necessary for Christ to pay a price to \_\_\_\_\_ his bride. When a young man pays the bride price as prescribed in Deuteronomy 22, he preserves the integrity of the symbolism of the \_\_\_\_\_ of biblical marriage.

### **Step #5**

The couple exchange \_\_\_\_\_ and are \_\_\_\_\_.

The ideal situation is for neither person to have practiced emotional promiscuity, and to be able to declare that their \_\_\_\_\_ have never touched those of another, and that they have left behind no \_\_\_\_\_ entanglements. It may be appropriate at this time to exchange \_\_\_\_\_.

### Step #6

The son goes to prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ for his bride.

John 14:3

And if I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (NKJ)

### Step #7

The bride makes herself \_\_\_\_\_ and waits with \_\_\_\_\_.

Just as Christ's church seeks to conform to the image of Christ, so the bride must begin to  
\_\_\_\_\_ herself to the image of her husband.

### Ground Rules During Betrothal

Now is the time to build \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ intimacy – but NO  
\_\_\_\_\_ intimacy.

During the betrothal period, fathers must help their children to “make no provision for the flesh”  
(Romans 13:14) by setting clear rules about physical touching, and requiring that they never be  
without a proper \_\_\_\_\_.

Now is the proper time for the couple to fall in love, with the blessing of \_\_\_\_\_, the blessing  
of \_\_\_\_\_, the blessing of \_\_\_\_\_, and the assurance that they are in the  
complete and perfect \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

### Step #8

The \_\_\_\_\_ sounds, and the son returns to take his \_\_\_\_\_ unto himself.

### Step #9

The wedding \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage and the  
\_\_\_\_\_.

It is a tremendous testimony to the world when a young man and woman experience their very  
first \_\_\_\_\_ at their wedding.

## Step #10

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the marriage, and the establishment of a new \_\_\_\_\_.

The practice of biblical betrothal will \_\_\_\_\_ young men and women from the dangers of emotional and physical promiscuity, which are wreaking havoc on the youth of modern American churches.

Fathers and mothers must be courageous enough to follow God's \_\_\_\_\_, regardless of what everyone else is doing.

Jeremiah 6:16

This is what \_\_\_\_\_: “\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.” (NIV)