

God's Way of Getting to the Marriage Altar Pt2
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I. 4 Biblical Principles for Getting to the Marriage Altar

A. Discipled by Christ and the Word vs. the Culture of the World

1. (Mark 7:1-8 NLT) Man's tradition vs. God's Word
 - a. (Ps. 119:105 NLT) lamp and light
 - b. (John 8:31-32 NLT) knowing the truth
 - c. (2 Cor. 3:6) Old covenant principles and truths
2. (1 Cor. 7:2, 7-9 all NLT) Marriage is for most, but some have the gift of singleness and have no desire to be married.
 - a. (1 Cor. 7:27-35 NLT) marriage comes with challenges.
3. God's Way of Getting to the Marriage Altar
 - #1 Multiple Witness Principle
 - #2 The Betrothal Principle
 - #3 The Dowry Principle
 - #4 Marry Believers Only

B. Multiple Witnesses Principle in Mate Selection

1. (Deut. 19:15-19 NLT) you need multiple witnesses for high risk decisions such as marriage, contracts, and major purchases.
2. Four witnesses in the mate selection process.
 - #1 God – by His Word and the Spirit.
 - a. The problem here is we can miss God!
~(1 John 4:1) *"test the spirits..."*
 - #2 Parents (Eph. 6:1-4)
 - a. Fathers scripturally have the responsibility of giving their daughters in marriage.
 - #3 Spiritual authorities/Counselors – pastors, elders, and mature spiritual friends. (Prov. 11:14)
 - #4 Your freewill – you get to choose who you marry.
3. (Gen. 24:1-8, 12, 15-21, 28, 48-58 all NLT) multiple witnesses and characteristics in wife selection for Isaac.
 - a. (v2) Abraham and the eldest servant Eliezer
 - b. (v7) The LORD God and His Angel
 - c. (v8) Rebekah's freewill
 - d. (v12) prayer

- e. (v15-21) beautiful, virgin, hard-working
- f. (v28) Rebekah's family involved
- g. (v57) Rebekah's freewill of choice