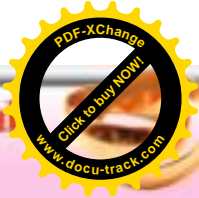


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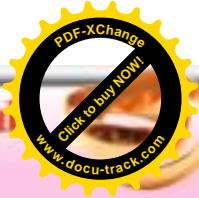
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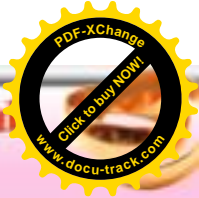
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INTRODUCTION

Getting married can be the happiest and most hectic time of your life. Millions of little girls grow up dreaming of the day when they will get to have their perfect fairy tale wedding. They dream of walking down the aisle in a beautiful gown and having everyone they love there to celebrate with them.

But planning a marriage is a lot of work and takes a lot of time and energy. There are a lot of things that you and your fiancée need to talk about and decide when it comes to making wedding plans. Where to hold the ceremony, what kind of ceremony to have, how many people you want to invite, and how to pay for the wedding are just a few of the big questions that you will face when it comes to deciding what type of wedding you want.

It's not uncommon for couples to get swept up in the romance and joy of planning a wedding and then forget that they are going to be starting a new life together and need to plan ahead for that. The wedding details are important, but it's even more important to sit down with your fiancée and have some candid discussions about money, lifestyle, and other factors that will determine whether or not your marriage will work out in the long run. If you want to have nine kids and your fiancée doesn't want any the two of you need to discuss the issue of having children and come to an agreement about the number of kids that you'll have before you get married.

Don't expect your fiancée to change his or her mind about certain issues just because you're getting married. That is just asking for trouble down the road. Instead you should attend some pre-marital counseling and come to an agreement about big issues like money and children before you get married to make sure that your marriage will last.

Marriages built on a strong foundation of trust and communication will last forever, and married couples can work together, grow together, and stay happily married and very much in love for their whole lives but it doesn't happen overnight and it doesn't happen without a little bit of preparation. The information in this book should give you the basics that you need to start more open communication with your fiancée and learn how get married without a lot of stress and expense and how to stay married.

ARE YOU READY TO GET MARRIED?

In the flurry of excitement that comes with a proposal many potential brides and grooms don't really ask themselves if they are truly ready to be married. A wedding is fun and exciting, but a marriage is a lifetime commitment that shouldn't be rushed. Before you get married you should be as sure as possible that you have found the person that you will want to be with for the rest of your life. Can you see yourself growing old with your fiancée? If so, that's a good sign that you're ready to make that commitment.

But before you jump into a marriage you need to take a deep look at yourself in order to determine if you're really ready to be married. You shouldn't get married just because you want to be able to say that you are married, or because you are tired of being single, or because you want someone to take care of you financially, or because you want to have children, or even just because you want to have sex and your religion or culture says that you can't have sex until you are married. If you are thinking about getting married for those kinds of reasons then you are probably not ready to get married.

When you are truly ready to be married you will want to get married because you will want to settle down and make a home with your fiancée. You will picture yourself growing old with your fiancée and possibly having children with your fiancée. But in order to get to that point you need to have had enough life experience to be able to make a mature decision about getting married. In order to consider yourself ready to be married you should:

- Have had at least one serious relationship in the past that lasted more than a year. If you have never been

