

BEFORE YOUR SAY, *I do!*

Scripture Guide for Premarital Plan ABC

Use these Scriptures to teach pre-marital couples what the Bible says about these eight fundamental pillars that will help couples stay married for life.

EQUALLY YOKED (both should be Christians)

2 Corinthians 6:14N NIV

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

1 Corinthians 15:33 ESV

Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

SEXUALLY ABSTINENT (see fornication)

NOTE: The NIV omitted the word fornication and uses the term “sexual sin”. This removes the distinction between fornication and adultery and may cause confusion for some.

FORNICATION: Hebrew word is “porneia”

Includes: Sex before marriage
Idolatry (sexual worship)
Adultery
All sexual sin

ADULTERY: Hebrew word is ‘naaph’

Only referring to a married person having sexual relations with someone other than their spouse.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 NIV

God’s will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor.

Galatians 5:16 NIV

So, I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves.

Galatians 5:25 NIV

Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.

1 Corinthians 6:18 KJV

Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that

committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

1 Corinthians 7:2 KJV

Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

1 Corinthians 10:8 KJV

Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

ATTEND CHURCH REGULARLY

Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV

²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

PAY TITHE

Malachi 3:10 NIV

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

FINANCIALLY STABLE

Luke 14:28 NIV

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?

STRONG CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE IN YOUR LIFE

Proverbs 13:20 NIV

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

Proverbs 22:24-25 ESV

Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.

PRAY TOGETHER

Matthew 7:7 NIV

Ask, and it will be given to you seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 21:22 NIV

And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.

Mark 11:24 NIV

Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

AVOID COHABITING (See fornication)

Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.