

MY MARRIAGE BLUEPRINT

A Guide to Choosing God's Best for Your Future

Before you give your heart away, get clear on what you're building — and Who you're building it with.

"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1).

This plan belongs to: _____

Date: _____

MY COMMITMENT

I choose to put God first. I will guard my heart and wait for the spouse who will help me follow Jesus and reach heaven. I will not settle for less than God's best.

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart... and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Before You Build — Look in the Mirror First

Before you write a word about the person you're looking for, start with the person you're **becoming**. The best way to find a godly spouse is to be the kind of person a godly spouse is praying for.

Rate yourself honestly (1 = needs growth → 5 = strong — circle one):

My personal relationship with Jesus	1	2	3	4	5
My commitment to purity, starting today	1	2	3	4	5
My honesty and integrity	1	2	3	4	5
The way I treat my family	1	2	3	4	5
My kindness and patience with others	1	2	3	4	5

One area of my character I want to grow in this year:

A fresh start: If your past doesn't match the standard you want, that's exactly what grace is for. God specializes in new beginnings — your commitment starts **today**, not yesterday. *"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature... all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

The Foundation — Tier 1: Non-Negotiables

These don't bend. The whole house rests on them. No compromise.

- Loves Jesus first and shares my faith (2 Corinthians 6:14 — "be ye not unequally yoked...")
- Committed to purity now and faithfulness forever (1 Corinthians 6:18; Hebrews 13:4)
- Godly character and fears the Lord (Proverbs 31:30)
- Honest, humble, and teachable
- Willing to build a marriage on biblical principles (Ephesians 5)

In my own words — the one or two things I will never compromise on:

- 1.
- 2.

The Frame — Tier 2: The Life We'll Build Together

Be crystal clear here. Your future spouse needs to be excited to build THIS life with you — not just tolerate it.

My biggest life goals / sense of calling:

Where I feel called to live or serve (city, country, overseas?):

The family I hope for (and roughly when):

The kind of home and daily life I dream of (simple / active / rural / city):

How I picture us serving God together (ministry, travel, free time):

A dream I'd be heartbroken to give up:

Reality check: If God has given you a big calling — overseas missions, a demanding ministry, a specific dream — your spouse must want to walk that road WITH you. Getting this clear now prevents real heartbreak later.

The Finishing Touches — Tier 3: Traits I'm Hoping For

These aren't the Tier 1 absolutes — they're the qualities to pray for and watch for, held with an open hand. Together they shape what daily life and love will actually **feel** like. Check every trait that matters to you.

Fill in the side that applies to you:

If I'm seeking a godly wife (the Proverbs 31 woman):

- Virtuous, trustworthy, and fears the Lord (*Proverbs 31:10, 30*)
- Kind, wise, and hardworking in her home and work (*Proverbs 31:11-12, 26-27*)

If I'm seeking a godly husband:

- Loves sacrificially, the way Christ loves the church (*Ephesians 5:25*)
- A servant-leader who provides for and protects his home (*1 Timothy 5:8*)

Spiritual Depth

- Has a real personal devotional life — prays and studies Scripture on their own

- Active in ministry and serving others, not just attending church
- Loves the Sabbath and worship (*Isaiah 58:13-14*)
- Humble and teachable — can admit when they're wrong

Character & Maturity

- Self-controlled with anger and words (*Proverbs 16:32*)
- Patient and forgiving — doesn't hold grudges
- Emotionally steady — handles stress and disappointment well
- Keeps their word — honest even when it costs them

Communication & Connection

- Talks things out instead of shutting down or stonewalling
- A good listener who makes me feel heard
- Handles conflict calmly and fairly
- Encourages me and believes in my dreams

Companionship & Personality

- My best friend — someone I truly enjoy being around (*Song of Solomon 5:16*)
- Shares a sense of humor with me
- Enjoys some of the same hobbies and activities I love
- Curious — likes to keep learning and growing

Lifestyle & Responsibility

- Hardworking, with direction and goals for their life (*Proverbs 6:6-8*)
- Cares for their body as God's temple — a healthy lifestyle (*1 Corinthians 6:19-20*)
- Wise with money — neither reckless nor controlling
- Generous and faithful with time and resources

Family & Future

- Shares my view on having children (*this one needs to truly match*)
- Nurturing and good with children
- Honors and cares for their own parents (*Exodus 20:12*)
- Someone I'm genuinely attracted to and deeply respect

Now go back and **star (★) the handful you checked that matter most** — these are what you'll pray for and hold out for.

Other traits I'm hoping for, in my own words:

The ONE trait I most want in a future spouse:

Building Codes — Protecting the Project

- Guard my heart** — I won't give it away carelessly (*Proverbs 4:23*)
- Don't rush** — right person, right time (*Song of Solomon 8:4* — “stir not up... love, until he please”)
- Tell my team** — share this list with parents and mentors so they become my scouts
- Seek wise counsel**, not just my friends' opinions (*Proverbs 11:14*) — remember Rehoboam, who followed his friends and lost a kingdom (*1 Kings 12*)
- Keep my standards high** — I'd rather wait well than settle fast

The Builder's Signature — My Covenant with God

I commit to follow God's way in choosing a spouse. I will guard my heart, become the person God is calling me to be, and trust His timing. I will not settle for less than His best.

Date: _____ **Signed:** _____

Someone I'm asking to keep me accountable:

“Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.”
— *Proverbs 31:30*