
Wedding Planning Workbook

Planning Your Special Day!

Cornerstone Group Coaching



Introduction

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding. We're excited for you. There is much to do and much to think about. Knowing that, this wedding planning workbook will get you started in the right direction.

Before we start getting into the details, here's some important biblical principles to keep in mind:

1 For the Bride and Groom: Trust in God, and Be Unified

Planning the "event" may seem like the most important thing, but remember what matters most. The only thing that really matters is that you get married. The wedding will only last for a few hours, but the marriage lasts for a lifetime.

Read: Romans 15:13. When you trust that God is in control, you experience joy, peace, hope, and power. As the wedding approaches, remember that the Lord is sovereign. Ultimately, He is in control of your wedding

Read: 1 Corinthians 1:10, 2 Corinthians 13:11, Ephesians 4:3. When you make decisions about your wedding, be completely unified. If there is an issue you are disagreeing on that is not that important to you, then let it slide. Work out compromises.

2 For the Groom: Be Considerate, Compassionate, and Humble

Read: 1 Peter 3: 7-8. Be **EXTRA** sensitive to your soon-to-be wife. She's carrying a considerable load of responsibility (and the stress that goes along with that). Remember that the wedding will only last for a few hours, but the marriage lasts for a lifetime.

3 For the Bride: Do Not Be Anxious

Read: Philippians 4:6, Matthew 6:34. Pray **SPECIFICALLY**, and then let God be in control. Worrying will not help.

4 Lastly, Fight for Your Purity

Read: 1 Timothy 5:1-2, Hebrews 13:4, Hebrews 12:1. Physical temptations can intensify during your engagement period. Take all necessary precautions to remain pure. You will

please God and enter into marriage with confidence. You are so close to finishing the race of single-hood. Finish victoriously!

Q So from these points, what steps do you need to take to please God? What area needs to change for yourself and in your relationship?

Ok...now that you've been charged by God's Word, let's start planning your wedding. Here's an initial list of questions for you to consider. Feel free to add or takeaway from this list. Don't get overwhelmed. Enjoy the process.

Step One: Find out how much money you have for your wedding and set a budget, before you get into the details of wedding planning.

- How much money can the groom contribute?
- How much money can the bride contribute?
- How much money can the bride's parents contribute?
- How much money can the groom's parents contribute?

Step Two: Decide if you want to distribute costs traditionally or pool all your money together. A traditional American split is outlined below. Keep in mind that American traditions are constantly changing and many families have mixed cultures and different traditions.

- Bride's family: wedding and reception locations, decorations, food, photographer, flowers, bride's dress
- Groom's family: rehearsal dinner
- Bride: groom's wedding band, gifts for bridesmaids
- Groom: bride's wedding band, gifts for groomsmen, honeymoon, wedding night hotel

Step Three: Your answers to the questions below will greatly influence the cost of your wedding. Keep them in mind as you set your budget.

- Do you want an open reception or an invitation-only reception?
- How many people do you want to invite?
- How many people does the bride's family want to invite?
- How many people does the groom's family want to invite?

- What type of reception are you planning for? Formal/Informal? Lunch/Dinner/ Cake & Punch? Buffet/Sit-Down?

Step Four: Discuss the following with your fiancé:

- Who will be primarily responsible for doing the research involved for the various wedding decisions.
- Should the bride and groom mutually confer on ALL decisions for the wedding?
- Which things are OK for the bride/groom to decide on exclusively?
- Which aspects of the wedding are most important to you?

Ok. That wasn't that bad, right? Still in love? Good. Certainly you may have other questions and details this list didn't cover, but hopefully you're pointed in the right direction.

Now that you've covered some basic planning questions, it's helpful to keep things organized and on budget. Whether you're using a wedding coordinator or not, it's good discipline to stay on top of the details. So, the exercise is to fill in as many boxes as needed. Taking the time to do this will save you much time and boost your confidence, planning your special day.

4-5 Months Before the Wedding	Type in contact info, address, email, phone	Appointment dates and times	High and Low Budget Quotes	Check When Done
Consider a wedding coordinator			\$	
Select minister to perform ceremony			\$	
Plan wedding ceremony: music, live or recorded?			\$	
Select wedding party			\$	
Select wedding venue			\$	

4-5 Months Before the Wedding	Type in contact info, address, email, phone	Appointment dates and times	High and Low Budget Quotes	Check When Done
Select reception venue			\$	
Select a caterer			\$	
Purchase wedding rings			\$	
Select wedding gown and accessories			\$	
Select bridesmaid dresses			\$	
Select stores for registry			\$	
Select a florist and order flowers			\$	
Order invitations			\$	
Select photographer			\$	
Select videographer			\$	
Reserve limousine			\$	
Consider Pre-marital coaching			\$	

3 Months Before the Wedding	Type in contact info, address, email, phone	Appointment dates and times	High and Low Budget Quotes	Check When Done
Order other printed material (napkins, programs, etc...)			\$	
Address invitations or select a calligrapher			\$	

3 Months Before the Wedding	Type in contact info, address, email, phone	Appointment dates and times	High and Low Budget Quotes	Check When Done
Plan rehearsal dinner			\$	
Make honeymoon reservations			\$	
Select wedding venue			\$	
Select musicians and/or DJ			\$	

4-6 Weeks Before the Wedding	Type in contact info, address, email, phone	Appointment dates and times	High and Low Budget Quotes	Check When Done
Plan and select a new home				
Arrange for your wedding night accommodations			\$	
Begin shopping for honeymoon wardrobe			\$	
Buy, rent or borrow misc. items (arch, aisle runner, baskets, ring pillow, guest book)			\$	
Mail wedding invitations			\$	
Final wedding gown and headpiece fitting			\$	
Arrange tuxedo rental			\$	
Select makeup artist for bride/bridesmaids			\$	
Choose gifts for wedding party			\$	

4-6 Weeks Before the Wedding	Type in contact info, address, email, phone	Appointment dates and times	High and Low Budget Quotes	Check When Done
Arrange lodging for out of town guests				
Pick up wedding rings				
Obtain wedding license			\$	
Take care of legal and medical documents			\$	
Arrange rehearsal and inform guests			\$	

2-3 Weeks Before the Wedding	Type in contact info, address, email, phone	Appointment dates and times	High and Low Budget Quotes	Check When Done
Make appointment with hairdresser			\$	
Buy or borrow luggage			\$	
Give final guest count to reception venue and caterer				
Confirm with all vendors, participants and venues				

Ok. Now that you've taken the time to go through this list, prayerfully you feel more prepared and confident going into your wedding. Of course, you have the freedom to choose what you want and don't want. Nonetheless, make sure you build a team of trusted individuals who can help your dream wedding become a reality. Let us know if we can further assist you. Mahalo. To God's glory.

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