

10 Reasons Not to Get Married

Ask most engaged couples why they are getting married and the answer is automatic: “Because we are in love.” There are some reasons not to get married. Consider these:

- 1. Love at First Sight.** This seems romantic, but it is not a good predictor of marital success.
- 2. Rebounding.** People fall in love more easily when they’re on the rebound from a failed relationship.
- 3. Rebellion.** Getting even with parents, for example, by marrying someone they don’t like is always costly.
- 4. Loneliness.** The problem with this motivation is that “lonely” people will end up lonely in their marriages as well.
- 5. Obligation.** Some people marry because they feel too guilty to break off the relationship. They just can’t say “No.”
- 6. Financial Advancement.** The person going into a marriage for money can figure a life of unhappiness. There are some things money just can’t buy.
- 7. Sexual Attraction and Guilt** over sexual involvement are popular but weak reasons for marriage. The sexual fireworks between two people often blinds them to serious attitude and behavioral problems.
- 8. Premarital Pregnancy.** A great deal of research identified a high rate of divorce for those who marry for this reason. Marriage based on lust will not last. In making one mistake, a person should not make two by marrying a person they should not marry.
- 9. Pressure** from parents, peers and society pushes some people who are not ready into a marriage.
- 10. Escape.** Some people marry to escape an unhappy home life. Generally such marriages result in divorce.