

Are you really marriage material?
A report for all single gals contemplating marital bliss.

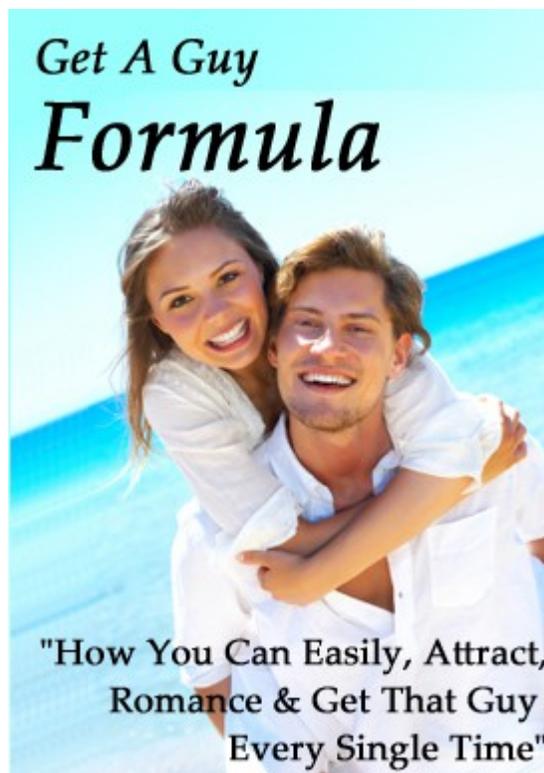


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Introduction.

So you think you are ready for the diamond ring and the picket fence. But are you really ready? Perhaps you are more in love with the idea of the diamond than the lifelong commitment?

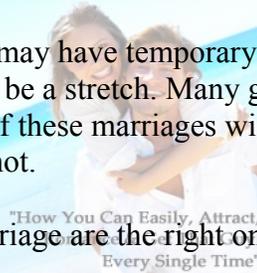
There are many reasons why women marry. Many marry for the right reasons, and just as many marry for the wrong reasons. Many girls who marry for the right reasons end up in the divorce courts, and most of those who take the plunge for the wrong reasons all end up with an attorney fighting the pre-nup.

There is more to marriage than a fantastic diamond, beautiful dress, big party and lots of gifts. (Any girl who is currently thinking "Is there?" should definitely read on.) Marriage is designed to be a lifelong commitment between two people who genuinely want to spend the rest of their lives with each other for all the right reasons.

Girls who marry for the wrong reasons may have temporary satisfaction, but lifelong happiness may be a stretch. Many girls marry for all the wrong reasons, some of these marriages will survive for various reasons, many will not.

Read on to ensure your motives for marriage are the right ones.

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Bad Reasons for getting Hitched:

He is wealthy.

This can be a compelling reason to marry someone who you may not otherwise, examples including men who are older, or possibly not as attractive, or whatever. Lots of money can be seductive. Many people have said that it is easier to fall in love with a rich man than a poor man, and this is very true.

Out of all the wrong reasons for marrying a man, marrying for money is the lesser of all wrongs. Acknowledging to yourself (if to no-one else) that his cash is part of the allure is no big deal. You will have a pleasant



lifestyle with many of life's little luxuries. However, if you are marrying for money there are a few things you should stop to consider:

* Are you a trophy bride? Will you be expected to look fantastic at all times? Are you likely to be superseded if you gain a few pounds or lose your bedroom tricks? Are you the first wife, or one in a long string? If you are going to be a trophy bride and you are happy with that, great. Hire a great attorney to ensure you will be well provided for when you are replaced. Enjoy the ride while it lasts. You may meet your next hubby along the way.

* Is the money family money? Marrying into family money can be a bit tricky. The cash could all be tied up in trusts, ensuring that gold diggers do not get too much of a pay out in the divorce. Hire an attorney. Is your husband-to-be an idle lay about who is happy to party and spend the family fortune on you? This sounds like a great long endless party and shopping spree. Good for you. Ensure your gifts from your husband are items bought in your name so that you will have something to call your own if he tires of you.

* Is the money self earned? Are you marrying a workaholic? Are you marrying a man who will never be satisfied with his millions? In these instances you should be prepared to be spending your husband's money on your own. Many women married to wealthy men complain that they are never paid any attention. You may well tire of your own company or you may be happy to only see your wealthy man once in a while.

You Might Miss Out. (He Will Do.)



The two titles alone imply that you consider yourself to be accepting second best. Marrying because all your friends are and you are getting left behind is a poor reason. You are at least being honest with yourself, but you are planning on spending your life with this man, aren't you? Or are you going to divorce him when all your friends start divorcing their husbands?

What happens if you marry this man and then Mr Right waltzes into your life? Being single can be lonely and frightening. Feeling alone in an unhappy marriage is far worse. You are talking about marriage here, not the last party favor bag up for grabs.

Can you see yourself with this man in 2, 10, or 20 years? If the answer is "No", then save yourself all the pain and cost of a divorce and stay single.

There are plenty of single men out there, and if this man is not your ideal husband and you cannot contemplate a lifetime of commitment, move on. You will not find a new man while you are still running around with him, and if you did, you would not be sending the new man a very impressive signal. Make yourself single and available and get back out into the dating world.

'You might miss out' and 'he will do' are dreadful reasons for contemplating matrimony. If you feel this way now, you are just setting yourself up for a lifetime of dissatisfaction. You are supposed to feel like the luckiest girl in the world, not like the also ran.

You deserve better than second best, and deep down you know it. (Why else are you reading this section?)

Your Family Like Him.

Lucky you! Your family think that your boyfriend is great husband material. They may have even suggested him to you, or introduced you to him. Is this going to be the merging of two great families designed to suit your parents in some way?

It can be fantastic if your family love your boyfriend, so long as you do too. Bear in mind that your family will not be living with him 24 hours a day, 7 days a week the way you will. They will not be having sex with him or possibly raising his children.

Marrying to please your parents is a poor reason. You are a big girl now and should be able to make your own decisions, especially with as big a deal as marriage.



Don't get me wrong, if you love your boyfriend, the fact that your parents love him too is fantastic. You will have the best of both worlds. None of the dreaded in law jokes in your home! Lovely. All your family holidays can be spent in pleasant and enjoyable harmony.

However, if your family seem to love your boyfriend more than you do, then you have a problem. Remember, they do not see him in all the situations that you do. They will not be sharing a house with him. Marrying your boyfriend just to please your parents, or because he is the only one that they have approved of, are not compelling enough reasons for marriage on their own.

Your parents may have a different agenda for what they want you to do with your life than you do. While your boyfriend may suit their requirements, it does not necessarily mean that he meets all of yours.



Your Friends Approve.

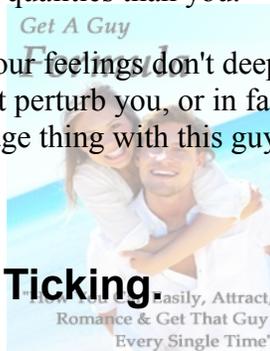
Fantastic! Your best friend adores your boyfriend and approves of him as husband material. This does not necessarily make him the perfect husband for you. While your friend may think she knows what you need or want, she is not you.

Your friend may also have ulterior motives of many kinds. Will it suit her better if you are married as well?

As with the family situation described above, your friends will not be living with your boyfriend for the rest of their lives. Your friends may be great judges of character, but you are the one who will be living with this guy and ultimately, you know him the best.

If you don't love your boyfriend as much as your friends do, don't marry him. Perhaps you can continue dating him and see if your feelings develop into something stronger. Perhaps your friends were faster at spotting his finer qualities than you.

However, if your niggles persist and your feelings don't deepen, let one of your friends marry him instead. If that suggestion does not perturb you, or in fact, seems like an excellent idea, you seriously need to reconsider the marriage thing with this guy. You don't love him enough to marry him.



Your Biological Clock is Ticking.

Tick, tick, tick. Your body clock is ticking and you are in a panic at the thought of running out of eggs before you meet Mr Right sperm donor. You need to be realistic in this situation. Do you need a husband to have a baby and raise it? Many women are opting to do it on their own now. However, if you prefer the idea of the picket fence and the hubby to go along with the baby, then you need a hubby first.

Many women marry in their late thirties and early forties with the idea of reproducing and living happily ever after. At the very least they are going to get their baby.

Is this man going to make a good dad and husband or is he just literally a sperm donor who is going to be discarded along the way? If that is your plan, best think it through to the end. The father of your child is going to be in your life for a long



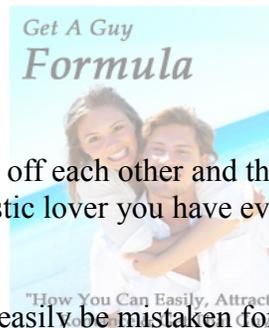
time if you split up. He may well want to participate in your child's life. If you do not want this man to be looking you in the face for the next 25 years, maybe you should consider an anonymous sperm donor.

Having said that, many women are marrying later to have children, and after having done many other things with their lives first, thoroughly enjoy their husbands and their children. For many, it is like an answered prayer when they had just about given up hope.

Can you picture this man as the father of your children? (Step back from your aging ovaries for a moment when you answer that question.) Is this man going to be a good role model and provider? Can you picture mini-hims running around? Yes? Go right ahead! No? Maybe you should rethink the sperm donor thing again, or keep looking.

There is nothing wrong with marrying to have children. Just ensure that the man you are marrying wants to have children, and that you are up to the task of sharing your children with him if the marriage doesn't work out.

The Sex is Fantastic.



Lucky you! You can't keep your hands off each other and the room steams up when he walks through the door. He is the most fantastic lover you have ever had. Are you sure you are not just in lust?

Those feel good hormones of lust can easily be mistaken for love. Just because he is fantastic in bed, (or wherever) does not necessarily make him husband material.

What happens when the lust wears off? When you get bored with each other? When he injures his back? What are you going to do then?

A marriage needs more to it than just fantastic sex. Yep, fantastic sex helps, but you actually need to like each other as people as well as lusting after each other. When you get older and start to get bored with each other, or injured, or ill, there needs to be some more glue to the relationship.

A great sex life is a fine place to start as a building block. However, you cannot build a marriage on sex alone and expect it to last.

Enjoy the sex while it lasts, if the relationship develops into something deeper, great, go ahead and get married. If it is just a sexual encounter, it will burn out soon enough. One of you will get bored sooner or later and move on to the next lover. Hang around for the mind blowing sex, but don't confuse lust for love.

Is it lust or love? Time will tell. In the meantime just stay engaged.

You Want the Ring, the Dress, and the Party.

So Mr Right has come along and allowed you to live out your lifelong dream of the fairy tale wedding. Are you marrying Mr Right for himself or for the wedding? This can be a dangerous trap to fall into. You need to take a step back and clearly analyze the situation.

Would you still marry Mr Right in a registry office without any of the trimmings? Are you feeling a sense of unease or letdown just at the thought? If that is the case, then you may well be marrying for all the wrong reasons. If you would not marry this man in a simple ceremony without all the lavish trimmings, then your reasons for marrying are wrong.

What are you going to do when the party is over? The honeymoon will not last forever. One day you will have to wake up after the wedding and realize you are back in the real world married to this man. You will have some fantastic photos and a DVD to look at, but that is hardly going to sustain you through every day.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with having your dream wedding. Many women have been dreaming of their big day all of their lives. There is nothing wrong with that. There is something wrong with just marrying any old man to play the part in your dream. This is not some play. This is real life.

If you can't imagine marrying your boyfriend regardless of the ceremony, then you should keep looking for your Mr Right. You haven't found him yet. What you have found is a character to play out a role in your dream which you are going to wake up from sooner rather than later.

Your Beliefs do Not Allow Pre-Marital Sex.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with saving yourself for your husband. You just need to make sure that you are not confusing physical desire with love. Unfulfilled lust can be physically very frustrating and overwhelming. You may think you are in love, when you are just in lust.

Allow yourself to take a couple of steps back.
Remove yourself from the man and allow things to



cool. Do you still miss him desperately? Can you imagine yourself with him for the rest of your life? Will he be a good father, companion, and provider?

Do you respect him? Do you have goals and interests in common? Do you like this man?

Once your wedding night is over you will have the rest of your life to spend with this man. Do not be blinded by lust. You know the saying "Marry in haste, repent in leisure". Make sure that is not you.

Be wary of the men out there who consider sexually inexperienced women as trophies. Some of these men will seek to pursue you, but once the chase is over, the thrill is gone for them.

Rebound.

Marrying on the rebound should be avoided at all costs. Having said that, there is nothing wrong with marrying the next guy you have a relationship with after a heart break as long as you have allowed yourself to get over the last one properly.

However, there is something wrong with marrying the next guy who comes along and makes you feel better. You need time after a heartbreak to grieve and sort yourself out. This takes different amounts of time for different people.

If this is the first guy you have dated after a major heartbreak you need to seriously consider whether this may be a rebound relationship. Has this been a whirlwind relationship? Has he swept you up off your feet? Did you think that you would never find love again? "Yes" to any of these, and you could easily be in a rebound relationship.

The dangers of rebound relationships are that you never get to go through all the necessary emotions with the loss of the previous relationship. You have simply bypassed all that work on yourself and effectively buried your head in the sand and fallen in love with someone new. How convenient.

The new boyfriend can be perceived as saving you from a life of grim singledom, or whatever else you feared in the short time that you were single.

The problem with rebound relationships is that the guy can look much more appealing to you than he would ordinarily. You can be so grateful that someone else loves you or is paying you attention, that you clutch onto him like a life preserver. Doing this means that you overlook the traits or problems with this guy that you wouldn't ordinarily accept.



The problem with this is that one day this life preserver will sink and you will be left with the bleak reality that he was not the right man as a husband for you.

Rebound boyfriends can be great for your ego and great as distractions, but rarely do they make good husbands.

If you are fearful this is a rebound relationship, don't rush the nuptials. If it is really the real thing, then you will get married down the track. If it is a rebound you will save yourself another breakdown and a divorce.

Revenge.

I always laugh when I hear about girls marrying for revenge. It sounds like something out of an old Southern romance. However, scarily enough, it would appear that some girls do indeed contemplate marriage as a form of revenge.

I am always fascinated by the concept that is attached to this. Who are you revenging? Yourself? Absolutely! The implications being that you are just marrying the next guy who comes along to show the last one that you really can get married, or are desirable.

In this scenario, the person who is going to be most hurt by this act is yourself. You are still in love with the last guy, or whoever it is that you are trying to impress.

Needless to say, this is also not very honorable treatment for the poor guy who wants to marry you. Does he know that your heart and head are someplace else? If he does know, what does that say about him? Is he really happy to accept damaged goods half heartedly? If he doesn't know, you are playing a nasty game of deception.

These sorts of games are best left to works of Shakespeare or high school playgrounds. If you are immature enough to think about revenge as a good reason for marriage, than you are probably not mature enough to form a lasting relationship. Apart from the fact you are marrying someone you do not love.

This marriage will never last. It is not based on honesty and love, but deceptions and petty childish games.

You Have Done Everything Else.

You've done everything else so now you are going to tick marriage off your life list? Well, that's great if that's how your life has panned out. I hope for your sake, as well as the groom's, that you actually love this man.

Working through your life list can be a great way to get through vacations, and saving for a car or home. However, men do not always just pop up at a convenient time for you when you are just thinking "Hmmm.... what's next? A husband?" Be wary if this is the scenario you are facing.

Are you marrying him because it suits where you are at the moment and you want to cross it off your list? That is not a good enough reason to marry. You may find yourself more in love with the idea of getting married now, than you actually are with your boyfriend.

If you love your boyfriend and the time is right, great. Just remember, that love often does not run smooth, and if it all feels too coincidental, then maybe it is.

Marriage should not just be about crossing another item off your to do list. You should be marrying your boyfriend because you love him and want to spend the rest of your life with him. Marriage isn't just about climbing up another rung on life's ladder. You may well be able to plan your career, vacations, and savings, but marriage will appear when the time is right. Not when you think the time is right.

Marrying later when you have achieved all of your accomplishments can lead to a great and fulfilled life. Just be careful not to marry the first guy who comes along after you have made your almighty decision.



He is Just Like Your Father.

Your boyfriend may well have traits that remind you of your father, either consciously or subconsciously. Many women end up marrying clones of their fathers for a variety of reasons. Many books have been written on this fascinating topic.

If you admire your father then there is a great chance that your husband may well display the characteristics that you respect in your father.

However, sadly there are many women who marry men just like Daddy when Daddy is a hopeless alcoholic, gambler, or womanizer. If this should be the situation with your guy and your father, run for the hills. You are just setting yourself up for a repeat run of what your mother went through.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with marrying a man who displays the finer qualities of your father. A good role model of a father will have left you with an excellent example to look for in

your own husband.

If your father was not a great example of a husband and a provider, than take a good hard look at who you are marrying and ensure that you are not repeating the mistakes of your mother.

You Want to Redeem Your Reputation.

You want to what???? Have you considered moving interstate or overseas? You may be more successful. Who are you trying to impress? Your parents? Your family? Your friends? Whoever is in charge of your trust fund?

Why not just turn over a new leaf and start a new life single? See what life dishes up. In the meantime you can work on yourself. You obviously need to if you are contemplating overhauling your reputation.

How has your reputation or image gotten so out of hand? Have you partied with every guy in town or college? The whole football team? Maybe you should just move. It may be easier than trying to convince a whole town that you are not the party girl that you were. You could of course join a convent or join a retreat somewhere.

Perhaps become a volunteer worker with refugees. There is nothing like the bleakness of third world poverty to bring you back to your senses and realize what is important in life.

If you are luckier than Paris or Lindsay, and you haven't been splattered all over the press with a million different men, moving could be the solution to your problem. You may have trouble convincing your local men that you have settled down.

Is this guy that is redeeming you aware of your past? He may get a shock when he finds out. He will, at some point. Is he aware, and can see that you are wanting to mature and settle down?

There is nothing wrong with wanting to mature and settle down. Most people do eventually. It's called growing up. Most people in this day and age have some skeletons in their closet, or a past.

If you love your boyfriend, go for it. Get married and have the truckload of babies and the picket fence. Show the town that you can be a great wife and mother.

However, if you are just getting married to prove you are not a tart, then maybe you should think again. Do you want to have as many husbands as you have had boyfriends? Think again.



Get A Guy
Formula

"How You Can Easily, Attract,
Every Single Time"

He Asked And The Ring Was Too Big to Say "No".

That gorgeous sparkling diamond may well be compelling you to say "Yes" when your mind is saying "Slow down". There are two ways of handling this tricky scenario. You obviously really want the ring, but do you want the guy?

One way to keep the ring while you decide is to have a very long engagement. This will give you ample time to decide whether or not he is your Mr Right. At the time of the engagement announcement be sure to tell everyone that you are planning a long engagement. Do not let anyone railroad you into marrying sooner than you are comfortable with. This is a great way to keep the sparkler on your finger while you decide whether the ring is worth spending the rest of your life with the man. You may well find that once the novelty of the diamond wears off that you won't find it too hard to give it back if you need to.

In this scenario be wary of being caught up in wedding fever. It is very easy to become so involved in planning your dream wedding that you can conveniently forget that the guy you are marrying isn't your perfect match. Once you wake up after the honeymoon, all of a sudden it is staring you in the face that this is now the ever after bit.

The other way of handling this situation is to hand back the ring and tell him you need more time to think. Explain that you were not expecting the proposal quite so soon, and he has taken you by surprise. This may well offend him and send him off into the sunset with your diamond in his pocket. The first scenario is probably the best for allowing you to spend time with the sparkler, and also for your boyfriend to maintain his dignity.

If you love the ring more than the guy, or you really love the diamond more than you are ever going to love him, then you have a bit of a problem. Some guys are nice enough to let you keep the ring if you break off the engagement down the track. Maybe you could try that tactic. (Although personally, it is not playing very nicely.)

Good Reasons for getting Hitched:

Lifelong Commitment.

Can you picture yourself growing old with this guy? Can you picture him as the father of your children? Do the two of you think you can manage life's little surprises along the way? "Yes" to all of the above? Go for it.

If you are able to imagine yourself growing old with your boyfriend, he is husband material. If all of a sudden it seems just as nice to stay at home with him as it does to go out on the town, you may well have found Mr Right.

Realizing that you could happily spend the rest of your life with your man is a great indicator that this is the real thing. After all, marriage is supposed to be for ever after.

Shared dreams, goals, and complimentary ideas about how you are going to spend the rest of your lives are great building blocks for a lasting marriage.

Finding the man that you want to spend the rest of your life with may well happen when you least expect it.



You Like Him as Well as Loving Him.

There is a huge difference between loving your boyfriend and liking him. You can actually love someone without liking or respecting them. This is obviously not a great combination for a lasting relationship.

A lasting relationship needs respect, liking, and love. You need to be able to admire and respect your husband as well as love him. Your husband needs to be a great friend, or your best friend, as well as your lover.

You need to be able to respect the way your husband thinks and behaves. Without respect, there will not be any glue to keep the relationship going.

Can you talk to your guy easily? Do you share your thoughts with him? Do you agree with the way he does things and thinks?

Friendship and respect are important foundations for a lasting marriage. Love alone is not enough to sustain a long term partnership.

Common Interests and Goals.

A good marriage needs for you to have some shared interests. No, you do not need to live in each other's pockets. No, you do not have to take up golf if you hate it. However, there should be some interests that you enjoy doing together.

Conversely, it can be healthy for a relationship if you both have outside interests that you enjoy separately. When you get together after your separate activities you should be thrilled to see each other and ready to share your activities with each other.

Sharing common goals is vital for a long term partnership. Do you both want to have children? Do you both want to save for a home? What about travel?



A marriage does not have much chance if one of you wants to be a childless backpacker and the other wants to have children and stay at home. Are your career goals going to complement each other? Do you both have the same ideas about your retirement? Do you both want to live in the same state, city or country? Marriages will never work if one wants to live in Florida and the other wants to live in Aspen. (This can work if you are lucky enough to be able to afford to run 2 households.)

If you and Mr Right have similar goals about what you want and where you are headed you have a much better chance of having a successful marriage. If you have no common interests, find something that you can both enjoy together. Take lessons in an activity together. You will have plenty of fun and something in common to share.



You Want to Have his Children.

This can be a compelling reason to rush down the aisle. Do not mistake your biological clock for true love. Many women when they are truly in love can visualize themselves with lots of little mini-hims running around.

Wanting to have his children can be a great sign that you are ready to settle down and that you are truly in love. Just be sure that you are not confusing love with a loudly ticking body clock.

Conclusion.

Marriage is a big step and should be taken seriously. The person you are contemplating marrying is meant to be your lifelong partner. There can be many distractions to take your mind off the ultimate goal.

Don't allow your friends and family to rule your life you and choose your husband. You know Mr Right best and you are the one who will have to live with him.

Marriage should be all about lifelong commitment and positive emotions such as love, respect and liking the other person.

”Select the right husband and live happily ever after.”

You can always have a look at some of these [reviewed dating sites](http://www.DatingXlence.com) at www.DatingXlence.com (when you're ready) to help make the search easier and achievable.

