

*Preparing
for
Prince
Charming*



**Preparing your daughter
for a godly marriage. Rev. 19:7**

*“Let us rejoice and be glad
and give the glory to Him,
for the marriage of the Lamb
has come and **His bride has
made herself ready.**”*

Revelation 19:7



Introduction

- **God established marriage as a type of relationship He has with His saved.**
 - It serves as an eternal parallel relationship that His saved (the bride) has with Him (the bride-groom). Eph. 5:22ff; Rev. 19:7
 - The wife – in parallel to the saved – was taught to *desire* her husband. Gen. 3:16



Introduction

- **The season of *singleness* is essentially important to a potential marriage (life itself):**
 - Many parents/young adults fail to recognize or seize this period of preparation.
 - In fact, many Christians have followed the “ways of the world” and have seen many “relationships” trip its way into a deadly marriage.



*How much more do we need
to witness before realizing
today's Christian families
are woefully equipped when
having their children enter
marriage?*



Introduction

- **Each person must consider their role in preparing themselves or their family members for the possibility of marriage.**
 - Practicing purity in preparation for marriage.
 - Ultimately preparing for the Prince of Peace.



Parental preparation

- **Guiding and guarding the hearts of our daughters. cp. 2 Cor. 11:2**
 - We have an obligation to follow the spiritual principal of how our daughters are presented before their husbands.
 - Thus, we (parents) must train our daughters/sons in the “way” they must go.
Prov. 22:6



This is also a time to guard their hearts from dangerous traps that the worldly foolishly partakes: casual dating that often turn into regrettable memories.



Parental preparation

- **Train your daughter to serve and be a servant.**
 - Most have their daughters “getting a job”; learning to be independent. cp. 1 Cor. 11:11
 - Help your daughter to focus on her relationship with Christ. cp. 1 Cor. 7:34



Princess' preparation

- **Pure: physically *and* emotionally.**
 - By helping others (in and out of the body of Christ) in need.
 - By thinking, praying, and seeking wise counsel. cp. Phil. 4:8
- **Pure in perspective. 1 Sam. 16:6-7**
- **Pure in perseverance.
1 Cor. 7:34-35**



*The more she is set on her
heavenly Prince will she be
better prepared for her
earthly prince.*



The Prince's Part

- He too is preparing himself for her while serving His heavenly king: learning to be a protector and provider.
- While serving the King of kings he is proves himself before the father who would give his daughter to him.



*Ultimately,
he proves that he is worthy
before a pure, chaste virgin
who has prepared herself
for Him.*



Conclusion

- While there is no such thing as fairy tale endings, it must be noted that “happy ever after” comes to families (parents, princesses...and princes, too) who set their hearts on the Lord.
- The more you focus on your heavenly Prince the greater you will be prepared for earthly prince.

