



## TEN REASONS NOT TO MARRY

### PLEASE DON'T MARRY IF:

1. You're unwilling to put the needs of another person above your own.
2. You're easily offended, carry grudges and are unwilling to forgive.
3. You're an abusive person (Mentally, emotionally and physically).
4. You are unwilling to commit
5. You have an unresolved addiction problem.
6. Your career is the most important thing in your life.
7. You don't share the same beliefs, values, life priorities or vision.
8. You are unwilling to be an active partner sexually with your spouse.
9. You are unwilling to agree on an approach for handling finances, children and life decisions.
10. You expect your spouse to change after you get married.

(Remember, successful marriages are not to be characterized by perfection, but rather by two people willing to grow closer to Christ and each other. Don't be discouraged if you struggle with any of the above reasons, but before you get married, do yourself and your future spouse a favor by first committing to grow stronger in each area).

### TEN REASONS TO STAY MARRIED:

1. Because God wants you to stay married for life.
2. Because marriage is a picture of God's love for the church and each divorce damages that picture.
3. Because divorce hurts – children, in-laws, friends and you!
4. Because 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> marriages tend to be even less successful than 1<sup>st</sup> marriages.
5. Because divorce often creates serious financial problems for one or both parties.
6. Because you lose friends and family
7. Because you lose out on “what could have been.”
8. Because you both once loved each other and could recapture that love if you both choose to do so.
9. Because it's generally good for your health.
10. Because it builds personal character.