Celebrity Engagement: Bindi Irwin Is Engaged to Long-Time Boyfriend Chandler Powell





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In the latest <u>celebrity news</u>, Bindi Irwin and her long-time boyfriend, Chandler Powell, of six years are engaged. The <u>celebrity couple</u> got engaged on Irwin's birthday, July 24th, according to an Instagram post by Irwin. The couple did not rush into this engagement, dating for six years beforehand. According to *UsMagazine.com*, Irwin previously said that she and Powell were "enjoying their lives together." Now that the time has come where the couple has taken that next step, it seems that Irwin is excited to marry the love of her life.

This celebrity engagement has been a long time coming! How do you know when you're ready for marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

This celebrity couple took their time falling in love and enjoying their lives together before deciding to get engaged. There are no rules that say that you have to get engaged or married at a certain point in a relationship. Maybe you just want to enjoy your lives together without the pressure of what society thinks you should do like Irwin and Powell, or maybe you just want to take your time before making a lifetime commitment. Cupid has some advice to help you know when you're ready for marriage:

1. You know yourself: Before you tie yourself to another person for life it's important to be confident in the person you are. According to MyDomaine.com, therapist Kimberly Hershenson, LMSW, says, "A successful marriage is more likely if both partners feel secure independently and are able to work as a team moving forward." One way to help you learn yourself is to experience independence. That may mean being single a while, living on your own, or being financially independent.

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2. You include your partner in future plans: When you think about your future do you automatically envision your partner there with you? If so then you might be ready for marriage. It doesn't mean that you want or need your partner/spouse present at every social event in your life. It does, however, mean you consider them when you're thinking about or planning the important, meaningful events in your future.

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3. You are okay with the fact it won't just be about you anymore: As an adult, you might be set in your ways. Maybe you like the house organized a certain way, want to eat dinner at a specific time every night, or have big dreams. When you find a partner and you know you're ready to get married you will understand that you must learn to put their wants and needs ahead of your own at times. You may have to compromise on things you've gotten used to on your own, but you are okay with that because you want a life with your partner.

What are some signs you think of when thinking of being ready for marriage? Let us know your thoughts in the comments below.