

# Nikki Reed Says Having Kids Right After Marriage is a Mistake



Nikki Reed is sure that she and her husband, *American Idol* finalist Paul McDonald, want kids, just not any time soon. The 24-year old *Twilight* star told [People](#) that she thinks “it’s a mistake for people to get married and then just [have kids right away]. I feel like it is the pressure of the family making them do it. We want to travel and be able to fly on an airplane without a baby and just have freedom.” Of course, the couple’s busy schedules are also major obstacles keeping them from having kids right now.

**How do you know how long to wait to have kids after marriage?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

It takes careful consideration, planning and commitment to decide to expand your family and have a baby with your partner. Before you make this huge decision, make sure these things are in order:

**1. Happiness:** Before having children, ensure that you're not only largely happy with yourself, but also completely happy with your marriage. Many people think that having a baby can fix their relationship, but if you're not already happy, it will just create more problems.

**2. Support:** It takes more than two people to raise a child successfully. If you're considering having kids, make sure that you have a solid support system in line. Friends, neighbors and relatives can all help you when you need it and are all essential to being a good parent.

**3. Finances:** Most of all, a couple needs to make sure that their finances are in order. With an extra family member, you and your partner will need to buy everything from a crib to food, and these expenses won't go away when your baby becomes a child. Try to commit to at least 18 years of bills before you can even consider starting a family.

**How did you know it was time to start a family? Share your experiences with a comment below.**