

# Ryan Reynolds Wants a Private Relationship



Ryan Reynolds may be happy with his marriage to Scarlett Johansson, but he isn't a fan of his relationship being dissected by the tabloids. In a recent interview with [GQ](#), Reynolds discussed his views on marriage and privacy. The actor, who married Johansson two years ago, explained, "Things change when you get married in general. But in terms of being a couple that's in a public situation and speculated about and all that nonsense, it's changed a little bit. I'm a little more guarded, I think. I'm a little bit more wary of having my relationship turning into a soap opera. I've just unilaterally not addressed it. That's kind of been the fail-safe for me ... I choose to remain as private as possible without being secretive." Reynolds went on to say that though

he and his wife deal with many rumors, marriage is still “the best part of [his] life.” **What things should be kept private in a relationship?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

**1. Personal information:** You and your loved one undoubtedly know each other well, but this familiarity requires respect. Sharing personal secrets can hurt your partner. Don’t air your dirty laundry in public, and consider not airing it at all if you think it could bring hurt feelings to your relationship.

**2. Disagreements:** After a fight, you may want to run to your nearest friend and share all the details. While this may relieve some of your stress, sharing unresolved conflicts can cause your friends to form negative opinions of your beau. Wait until the conflict is resolved, and then decide if you need to share it.

**3. Level of seriousness:** When you’re in a promising relationship, you may feel the urge to tell the world that you have finally found “the one.” This divulgence, if premature, may make your beau wary. Keep your intense feelings private for the time being, and he will probably feel more comfortable.

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## **Carrie Underwood and New Hubby Challenged By Love &**

# Business



Newlyweds Carrie Underwood and hubby Mike Fisher recently celebrated their two-month anniversary. Perhaps prompted by the occasion, Underwood spoke to [People](#) about the way the two celebs handle their fast-paced life, saying it's "a lot like dating. Sometimes our schedules will click, sometimes they won't. But that's good because we're both independent."

Although busy, one thing Underwood won't miss, no matter what, are her man's hockey games.

**What are the best ways to keep a two-career relationship intact?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Balancing careers and a love life is never an easy feat and is

often times a struggle. Cupid has some advise for how to handle a hectic double-career romance:

**1. Take pride in your work:** Being successful in your chosen career path is something in which to take pride. Likewise, you should be proud of your partner's accomplishments. This mutual respect and revere is a sure-fire way to bolster a relationship, even when you're missing your beau's embrace.

**2. Do everything in moderation:** When pulling off life's balancing acts, the important thing to remember is that moderation is key. As passionate as you are about your job, at the end of the day it's important to leave work matters at the office. Remember that you're in a relationship with your partner and not your career. On the other hand, don't let yourself get swept up in romance that you neglect your career. It's important to strike a healthy balance between the two.

**3. Come to compromises:** Give and take in a relationship is key. No one person in the relationship should feel the need to sacrifice their career more than the other. Remember to discuss things in depth, and be willing to compromise.

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## Brooklyn Decker Talks About Marrying Young





When model Brooklyn Decker married tennis star beau Andy Roddick last year at the age of 22, she was considered a young bride by today's standards. But [People](#) reports that Decker doesn't consider it unusual, partly because her and her husband's families have a history of marrying young. Decker told *Page Six Magazine*, "It wasn't weird for me... My mom got married when she was 19, and my husband's parents got married young – in their 20s. And both sets of parents are still together." Decker added that her career as a successful swimsuit model and her husband's position as a world-class tennis player helped make walking down the aisle an easy choice. "We both were successful on our own, we both had our own income, we both had our friends, but it's just what we wanted," Decker said. "It was never part of my plan to get married young, but we did it because we really wanted to."

**What are the benefits of marrying young?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Today there are many reasons to put off marriage, but some people still choose to marry young. Cupid has some insight on

when marrying sooner rather than later might actually be a good idea:

**1. Your career is on track:** If you feel like you have a good job and can make it on your own financially, you're ready to get married. Some people get married young because they need support from a partner, but if you're like Brooklyn Decker and Andy Roddick and you both have successful careers, there's no reason to wait.

**2. You want to have kids early:** If your dream is to be a mother by 25, marrying young is a great way to reach that goal. That way you have a family intact early in life, and you won't be in your 70's when your kid goes to college!

**3. You have religious ties:** Sometimes religious couples get married young because they have made a vow of celibacy. Religion and deep-seeded beliefs can often times be a great foundation for a relationship, even if that relationship begins at an early age.

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# Christina Aguilera Talks Marriage





Christina Aguilera is singing love songs when it comes to her relationship with husband Jordan Bratman. According to [Us Magazine](#), Aguilera is cited in the October issue of *Cosmopolitan UK* as saying, “We’ve been married for five years now, and I think the secret is in always keeping it interesting. You have to make time for yourselves.” Aguilera also says that even the most loving marriages require effort and a lot of patience.

### **How can you keep your relationship alive?**

#### **Cupid’s Advice:**

After being married for several years, you may find yourselves getting into a rut. Cupid has some advice to help make sure the honeymoon doesn’t end:

**1. It’s date night:** Sometimes a marriage can feel as if it’s becoming all work and no play. Give yourselves a night out, without the kids, to have fun. Take the time to catch up on the things which get lost in everyday craziness.

**2. Take on a new interest together:** Talk about doing something

the two of you have always wanted to try, but never had the time to do. Sign up for cooking lessons or take up a new sport. It's never too late to explore something new together.

**3. OMG... I luv u:** Technology now and days makes it easier than ever to stay in touch. A quick "hello" or "I love you" via text will let your spouse know you're thinking of him or her throughout the day.

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## Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes Keep Romance Alive







Ever since Tom Cruise jumped on a couch on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, people have doubted whether his relationship with Katie Holmes is real. But as Cupid recently reported, the couple are still very much in love five years later, and do everything they can to keep the spark alive in their marriage.

In fact, Holmes recently told [People](#), "My husband has red roses for me everywhere I go and whenever we travel." Both Cruise and Holmes are true romantics and are very affectionate toward one another and their 4-year-old daughter, Suri. Holmes said, "Being a mother is so dreamy." **How can you tell if your partner is a true romantic?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

**1. He doesn't expect credit:** If your partner waits to give you a dozen roses until you're in front of your friends, he might be looking for positive recognition from someone besides you.

When he does sweet things without asking for credit or thanks, he's a true romantic (and is so into you)!

**2. He knows you:** If he uses inside info to do lovey-dovey things that he knows you and only you would appreciate, then

he is truly devoted. For example, buying you a box of chocolates on Valentine's Day is sweet, but serenading you with your favorite Backstreet Boys song? Dorky, but totally romantic.

**3. He's all about consistency:** It's easy for him to do sweet and thoughtful things at the beginning of the relationship when everything is new, exciting and he's still trying to impress you. But if he still pulls out your chair for you after 25 years of marriage, he's a true romantic.

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## Kate Hudson Looks for Love, Not Marriage





Kate Hudson isn't planning another trip down the aisle anytime soon. As the blonde bombshell recently told [People](#), she is looking for love, but not necessarily marriage. Having split from rocker Chris Robinson in 2007, Hudson now has a new rock star in her life in the form of Muse member Matthew Bellamy. Even after her divorce, she refuses to be reluctant to fall in love again. "I'll just see what happens. I think a lot of times people are terrified of love and stop themselves from experiencing it. I don't ever want to get that jaded," said Hudson.

### **Do love and marriage go hand-in-hand?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

A white wedding is often idealized in society as the way a couple is expected to express their love for one another. The fact is, marriage doesn't necessarily equal love, and love doesn't necessarily equal marriage.

**1. Times have changed:** Today, many couples are seeking alternatives to marriage. Those who want a modern take on an

old tradition are sharing commitment ceremonies, spiritual unions or are simply cohabitating.

**2. Outside factors:** When it comes to the legal and financial aspects of marriage, walking down the aisle isn't the best choice for everyone. Oprah Winfrey's 20-year relationship with Stedman Graham is a good example. Though the two are deeply in love, marriage is not for them due to their need to protect their wealth and business assets.

**3. It's about the couple:** Weddings can be beautiful and if that is what you dream of as a couple, go for it. However, the planning and execution of a wedding can end up being so focused on the guest list and the caterer that people forget about the couple and the love they have for one another.

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## Snooki's Boyfriend Proposes On Mag Cover





*Jersey Shore* cast member Snooki is in for a huge surprise. [Radar Online](#) reports that Snooki's boyfriend, Iraq veteran Jeff Miranda, has decided to pop the question in a very public way. A shirtless Miranda is featured on the cover of the Sept. 10 issue of *Steppin' Out* magazine kneeling in army fatigues next to the words: "Will You Marry Me?" In his interview with *Steppin' Out*, Miranda talks about why he decided to propose to girlfriend Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi. "I want us to be together forever. I could see us having children. I want to pop the question to her. If we got married we would be the best parents around. She's so loving and puts everyone else before her self. She'll be a great mother." When asked about the unique way he decided to propose, he admitted that Snooki is going to be shocked, but said, "I know she'll say yes."

**What are some unique ways to propose?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

The way you or your partner proposes is a story you'll be telling for the rest of your life, so it's important to make

it memorable. There are countless ways to pop the question, but Cupid gives you some creative suggestions:

**1. Go public:** Forget JumboTron proposals at football games. If you want a truly unique way to propose in public, hire a skywriter to spell out the words "Marry me" in the sky. This exciting and romantic proposal is sure to end with her saying "yes."

**2. Pamper her:** Draw a bath for her and place a rubber ducky in the middle with a ring tied around its neck. Don't forget to create a path of rose petals leading to the bathtub!

**3. Hide the ring:** Want to really surprise her? Propose while doing an everyday chore, like fixing (or pretending to fix) a clogged sink. Make sure she's nearby and pull the ring you had hidden earlier out of the sink. Say something like, "No wonder the sink is clogged, I'll have to find another place to store this ring. How about your finger?"

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## Kate Winslet Back On the Dating Scene





Kate Winslet appears to be taking a page from Marilyn Monroe's book with a case of the seven-year itch. According to [Us Magazine](#), the actress is going public with her new relationship with British model Louis Dowler, after announcing in March that she and director Sam Mendes had split after nearly seven years of marriage. "Kate certainly seems smitten," a source familiar with the couple told the UK's [The Mirror](#). "Who wouldn't be?... They've really got something special."

**What's the best way to jump into a new relationship after severing a long-term one?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Getting back into the dating scene after a divorce or breakup can be awkward. Cupid has some advice to make sure you make the most of it:

**1. Time for a makeover:** When you look your best, you will most likely feel your best. Break away from the old you and do something to make yourself feel great before venturing back

into the dating game.

**2. No time for a do-over:** Take the time to figure out what went wrong with your last relationship, and determine what the essential qualities you are looking for in another person. The last thing you want to do is find yourself getting involved in a similar situation, which will most likely end badly.

**3. All the single ladies! (and men):** Though it might be difficult, don't go on the date with thoughts of your last relationship. Leave your troubles at home or in the therapist's office. Think of this as an opportunity to be yourself, be single, and start fresh.

There is no timeframe for starting to date once again. Everyone is different. When you feel ready, go for it and have fun.

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## Just Married: Anna Paquin & Stephen Moyer







*True Blood* co-stars Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer proved their chemistry off-screen, as they wed in Malibu Saturday, reported [Us Weekly](#). The couple, who announced their engagement last August, were surrounded by family and friends as they exchanged their vows under a tent by the beach.

**How do you decide if a big or small wedding is right for you?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Needless to say, your friends and family will all have their own opinions about how your wedding should be, but Cupid has some things to consider when deciding whether to have a big or small celebration:

**1. Stay within your budget:** Money isn't always fun to think about, but when it comes to your big day, it's really important to do only what you can afford. The more people you invite to your wedding, the more it costs!

**2. Consider the size of your family:** When deciding how many guests to invite, it's easy to overlook the sheer size of your family. Add them all up before you commit to a specific

number.

**3. Remember your dreams:** Most girls grow up dreaming of their perfect wedding. Did you envision having 100 attendees or 10? If you're one of those people who always pictured your wedding day, think about whether or not you'll regret not making that fantasy a reality.

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## Katie Holmes & Tom Cruise Still in Love



No one can forget the time Tom Cruise jumped up onto Oprah's couch professing his love for then-girlfriend Katie Holmes. Now the two are married, with 4-year-old daughter, Suri, and are still head over heels in love. As reported this week in [People](#), Holmes still sees her husband as the leading man he is on the silver screen. **Years down the road, how do you keep the fire burning in your marriage?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Everyone has come into contact with that inspiring older couple that still looks at each other the same way they did when they fell in love. Cupid has some suggestions on how to reach this relationship ideal:

- 1. Pick the right one:** People who marry just for looks or money always tend to end up unhappy. Don't choose a partner for merely superficial reasons. Spend your life with someone you can't live without.
  - 2. Never stop dating:** Even though you now have kids and a mortgage doesn't mean you don't have time for dinner and a movie once in while. Making time for dates can make a big difference.
  - 3. Be spontaneous:** Planning dates and vacations in advance is great. However, the element of spontaneity can keep you feeling like a honeymooner for years to come.
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# Hilary Duff & Mike Comrie Signed a Prenup



[Page Six](#) reported yesterday that Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie are not only man and wife now, but they also signed a prenuptial agreement. The former Edmonton Oiler and Disney star made sure to protect their assets before getting hitched in front of 100 family and friends Saturday evening in Santa Barbara, according to sources. "It was a totally amicable agreement. They love each other very much and knew this was just a technicality," said one insider. While Duff, 22, made her fortune starring as Lizzie McGuire in the hit Disney television series and later in several movies, Comrie, 29, is the heir to an appliance and retail business, The Brick, and his fortune is worth as high as \$500 million.

## Should you and your partner sign a prenup?

Cupid's Advice:

- 1. Bring it up:** Broach the idea of a prenup gently because it's a sensitive subject. Stress that this would protect both of your finances, and ensure that what you build together is shared in case, God forbid, anything happens that could dissolve your marriage.
- 2. Ask and answer a lot of questions:** This request can hurt the other party's feelings, but it can protect both your assets, and prevent future complications should a divorce happen.
- 3. Get legal advice:** Both parties should see their lawyers to learn more about how a prenup would benefit them.

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## Michael Douglas Battling Tumor





Actor Michael Douglas was diagnosed with a tumor in his throat, [E! Online](#) reported Monday. The 65-year-old actor said he is “optimistic” about his health in a statement, though it has not been released whether the tumor is cancerous or benign. Douglas has a wife, actress Catherine Zeta-Jones, and three children, two of them with Zeta-Jones.

### **How can you get past a large health setback as a couple?**

Cupid’s Advice:

Though the disease is in its early stages, this is a crucial time for Douglas and Zeta-Jones. Strong family and spousal support in a time of sickness can often make a large difference in a patient’s chance for recovery, as well as for the success of the relationship through this difficult time.

**1. Stay private:** Whether or not the couple dealing with illness is a celebrity or an everyday couple, it’s necessary to keep the matter within only those who need to know. Personal friends and family are the only ones who need to be brought in.

**2. Be involved:** It's important that those dealing with the illness, especially the patient's partner, are as involved as possible. Stay up-to-date on doctor's findings, appointments, and your partner's needs. Make the illness and healing as easy to deal with as possible.

**3. Prepare for the aftershock:** Even after an illness has been treated, there is the potential for the patient to feel vulnerable or angry afterward. Be ready for this, and understand that it's a natural reaction. Be supportive.

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## **Kellie Pickler & Fiancé Are Planning a Unique Wedding**





Kellie Pickler got engaged to her songwriter beau Kyle Jacobs in June, and they're slowly but surely making wedding plans, even if that means being a bit non-traditional. Pickler told [People](#) magazine that Jacobs is a "snapper" – he stands and snaps his fingers on the dance floor – so there won't be a first dance at their wedding. And with their love of all kinds of animals, the couple is thinking about having their pet python be the ring bearer!

**How do you plan a unique wedding that represents you as a couple?**

Cupid's Advice:

A wedding is a special occasion, a milestone in life, and should represent the couple being united together. But if the couple doesn't care much for tradition, it may rock a few boats. Here are Cupid's tips on planning the wedding of your dreams while still pleasing your guests.

**1. Compromise:** Maybe you both don't want to do the traditional first dance, but your grandparents' eyes tear up when they



hear you won't be hitting the dance floor as a couple, and will instead boogie right into the YMCA. Instead, keep another traditional part of the ceremony or reception in tact, like the bouquet toss, to make family members happy.

**2. Don't go too over the top:** You and your fiancé are different, so your wedding should be unique. But keep it in check, or it could get tacky, or just plain weird. Ask friends or family members for their opinions before making final decisions.

**3. Don't get in over your head:** Releasing doves the moment you kiss and swans walking around the cocktail hour area might sound perfect, but doves are hard to orchestrate and swans can get mean and nasty. You want the picture-perfect wedding, but not everything is realistic. Do yourself a favor by hiring a wedding planner to help figure out what you can afford, what works for your budget, and what will still look fabulous and keep guests talking long after the wedding.

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## Hilary Duff's "Imminent" Wedding





Ex-Disney star Hilary Duff and fiancé Mike Comrie of the Edmonton Oilers have planned a quiet affair for their upcoming wedding, [E! News](#) confirmed last Friday. The two have been engaged since February, and a source close to the couple told E! News that the wedding is “imminent.” The couple is finalizing their preparations for the big day, which is happening this month. **What finishing steps do you need to prepare for your wedding?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Duff and Comrie have been taking dancing lessons to get ready for their nuptials, but there are a few key steps that many couples might overlook during the hustle and the bustle before the big event.

**1. Beautify:** This should ideally take place a week or so before the wedding. Haircuts and final teeth whitening appointments should happen while there is still time to correct any mistakes.

**2. Game plan:** There are certain aspects that even the best

wedding planner might not know to prepare for. Does the best man have a tendency to make raunchy comments when he's drunk? Have an aunt who's a bit of a cougar with her eye on one of the groomsmen? Prepare for these situations ahead of time.

**3. Happy honeymoon:** The last thing you're thinking about as your wedding approaches is the idea of the aftermath, but it's a key ingredient, too. Make sure you have all the plans set for getting from wedding mindset to honeymoon mode without a hitch.

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## James Van Der Beek Marries Again





Second times the charm! Last weekend, James Van Der Beek married girlfriend Kimberly Brook, reported [People](#). The actor made the announcement via Twitter, tweeting, “The woman I love did me the honor of became my wife today... I look forward to earning her for the rest of my life.” Brook is currently pregnant with the couple’s child.

**What are some other ways to announce your wedding?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

With the incredibly fast-paced advancement of technology today, there are more outlets than ever to announce everything from weddings to a girls’ night out. Read some ways of Cupid’s ways to announce the big news:

- 1. Social media:** Twitter is certainly one way, but Facebook is another option. You can also create a web page with some imagination and free time.
- 2. Tried and true:** Nowadays, it’s unique to see important dates announced the old fashioned way: the newspaper. Take it a step further and use a half or whole page to include

pictures, comments from attendees, or even old love letters to each other. It's a great memento for the wedding album!

**3. Surprise soiree:** Invite your family and friends to your home or favorite restaurant and announce your news with a festive cake displaying the ring. You can celebrate all night!

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## Mike Fisher Knows Where He & Carrie Underwood Will Live



Carrie Underwood's new hubby, Mike Fisher, says he knows where the couple wants to settle down, [People](#) reported last week.

The hockey star told [CTV Ottawa](#) that he would love to have Underwood in his Canadian home while he plays hockey for the Senators. “We’re both comfortable here. Home is where we are, so let’s make this home,” he said. However, Fisher has no issue with returning to the country singer’s home in Nashville down the road. “When I’m done [with] hockey, she’ll still be working. I’m sure she can always work. We’ll settle in Nashville. I love it there.”

**After marriage, how can you decide where to call home?**

### **Cupid’s Advice**

Unless you’ve chosen to live together prior to marriage, you’ll eventually need to settle on one home together. Here are some ideas Cupid has come up with to help make that decision:

- 1. Pros and cons:** List out what you love and hate about your choices, then compare notes. You might find a compromise between the lines.
  - 2. Size matters:** Consider the size of the homes you’re choosing between. Are they big enough for both of you, children (if you’re planning for them), and your things? When settling down, make sure it accommodates both your needs.
  - 3. Distance from loved ones:** Family can play an important role in deciding where to live, whether you choose to stay close to them, or want to get as far away as possible from them as possible.
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# Chelsea Clinton Marries Longtime Boyfriend Marc Mezvinsky



Chelsea Clinton and Marc Mezvinsky have finally tied the knot in a fairytale wedding! Surrounded by 400 close friends and family, the now Mrs. Mezvinsky walked down the aisle in a gorgeous wedding dress by Vera Wang (a family friend). This summer's post talked about wedding took place at Rhinebeck, a small town in upstate New York. The beautiful interfaith ceremony was presided by Rabbi James Ponet and Rev. William Shillady at Astor Courts, reported [People](#). Mother of the bride, Hillary Clinton, released a statement that said, "We could not have asked for a more perfect day to celebrate the beginning of their life together, and we are so happy to

welcome Marc into our family.”

**How can you prepare for your dream wedding without going overboard?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Everyone wants a fairytale wedding, but that dream comes with a very expensive price-tag. The ideal wedding usually takes around a year to plan – take your time, and use Cupid's helpful tips to save money and stay classy!

**1. Budget:** Figure out how much money you can afford to spend for your big day. You don't want to start your new life as husband and wife with huge wedding debt.

**2. Pick and choose:** Decide what factors are most important to you for the wedding (e.g. wedding dress, cake, food), and let other details, like custom linens, take backseat.

**3. DIY:** Small things that may seem like a big deal can actually be done yourself! There are some great websites that explain how to make bridesmaids bouquets, or where to get the bows and ribbons to decorate the church or venue for half the price.

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# Russell Brand is Daddy Material







Comedian Russell Brand has the faith of fiancée Katy Perry when it comes to his abilities as a future father. [People](#) reported last week that the pop singer thinks Brand will “be perfect” as a baby daddy, a quality she says was key for her in looking for a potential husband. The two have been engaged since January.

**Is being a good parent the most important trait in a future spouse?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Perry knew what she was looking for when it came to a future husband. If you want to have children, then yes, it’s important to find someone you think will be a good parent. However, it’s a good idea to talk about your goals before thinking about getting hitched:

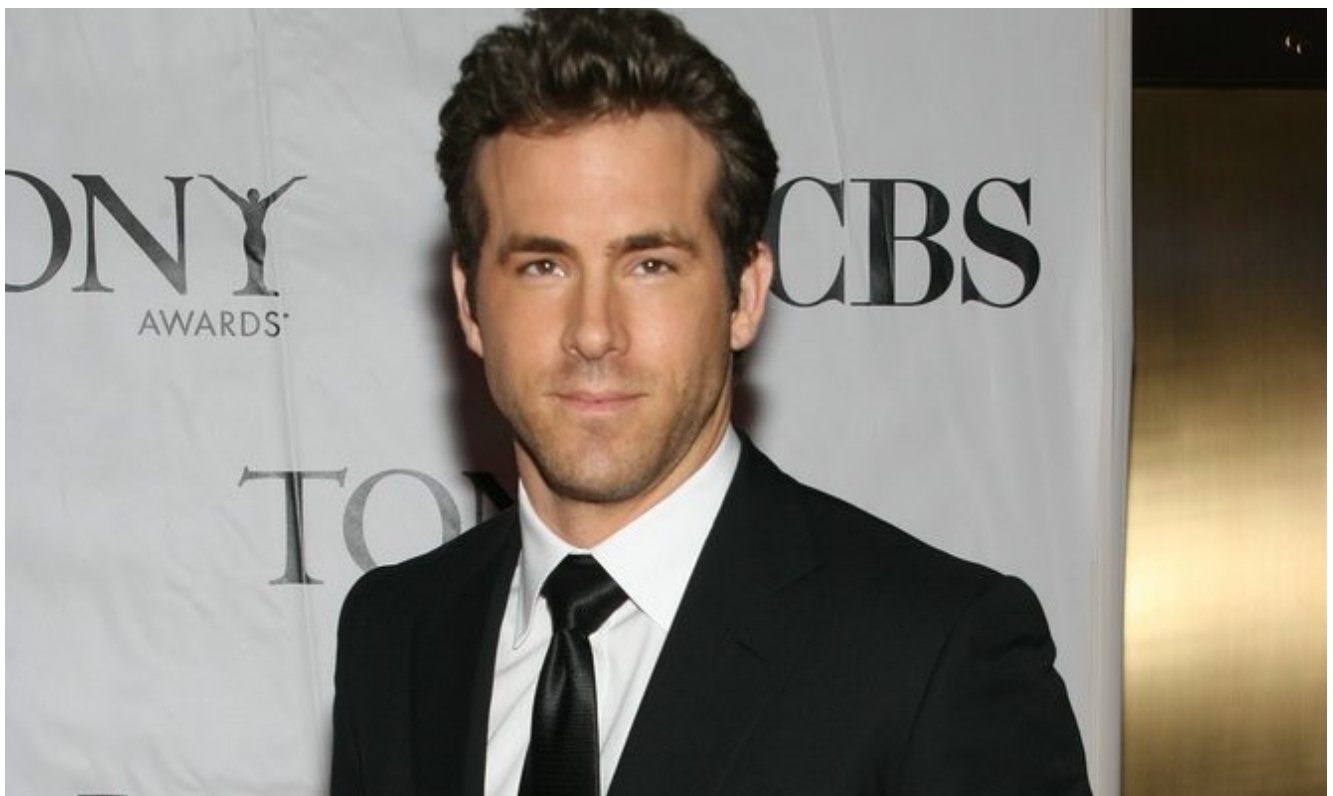
**1. Prioritize:** If having children is not something you’re considering, the potential to be a good parent – while a good characteristic to have in general – isn’t necessary. Figure out what your future plans are before you looking for your ideal mate.

**2. Break the ice:** If you decide that being a parent is something you want, make sure you broach the subject with your mate carefully. This can be a touchy and intimidating subject for people, so tread delicately.

**3. Make plans:** If having a child is something you both want, and marriage is already in the works, then go ahead and plan for a family. This is a life change that should be addressed ahead of time.

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## What Role Will Religion Play at Chelsea Clinton's Wedding?



In just a few days, Chelsea Clinton and fiancé Marc Mezvinsky will tie the knot, as Cupid reported last month. Before the big day on July 31, the media is abuzz with speculation. Will the wedding really cost two million dollars? What's on their playlist? But there's one detail that hasn't received quite as much attention: how will religion play a role in the ceremony? Clinton was raised Methodist, while Mezvinsky is Jewish. CBS's Early Show had life coach and dating expert Donna Barnes offer her perspective on interfaith marriages last week.

## **What are some unique ways to incorporate religion into a wedding?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

With the number of people marrying outside their own religion on the rise, discussing what role religion will play in the ceremony is important. Understanding and respecting your partner's beliefs and practices can also help create a happy home life of mixed faiths. Here are a few circumstances to consider for the big day:

**1. Interfaith weddings:** If you and your partner don't share the same religion, but want to incorporate faith into the ceremony, you could go the interfaith route and have one officiant from each religion present.

### **2. Want a religious ceremony in a non-religious location:**

You've dreamed of saying "I do" on the beach, or maybe even in your own backyard, with a religious ceremony. This may be difficult, as many faith-based officiants won't perform wedding ceremonies outside places of worship. You could, however, opt for two separate ceremonies: an intimate celebration at a place of worship, as well as another at your dream location, led by a non-religious officiant, like a Justice of the Peace.

**3. Non-practicing:** If you and your spouse's family have religious roots, but you don't currently practice a particular faith, you may wonder if having a wedding in a place of worship is appropriate. Ask yourself and your partner how

comfortable you feel when inside these locations, talk to your families about the role that faith may or may not play at the ceremony, and seek advice from a religious leader.

Ultimately, do what feels right for you and your spouse.

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## Orlando Bloom & Miranda Kerr Elope!



Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom, who announced their engagement just last month, tied the knot in a secret ceremony Thursday, their reps confirmed, reported [The Daily Telegraph](#). A statement released by the model's employer, Australian

department store David Jones, said, "David Jones is thrilled for Miranda, Orlando and their families – this is an exciting chapter in their lives and they will share a wonderful future together."

## **Why do people choose elopement or secret weddings over huge public ceremonies?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Weddings can be complicated and stressful. If couples feel overwhelmed by the intricate details of their big day, they might simply decide to elope. Here are a few other reasons to ditch the fanfare in favor of a small, private event:

- 1. Decisions get in the way:** Things like trying to determine the seating chart can be a large wedding's nightmare. Opting for a family-only ceremony will help keep the big issues simple so you can celebrate the real reason for the wedding: love.
  - 2. Families don't agree:** Some couples find themselves torn between their relatives' best intentions, so they discard the big 'to do' and elope to get away from all the bickering.
  - 3. Financial woes:** With today's economy affecting more people than ever, a small, private service is often the best way to keep money in the bank, and still enjoy an intimate confirmation of love. Video tape the event to share with everyone else later.
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# Zac Efron in No Rush to Wed



Looks like slow and steady might just win the race after all! The *Charlie St. Cloud* star, Zac Efron, recently confessed in an interview with [Extra TV](#) that he wants to wait before heading to the alter. The 22-year-old and his girlfriend, Disney star Vanessa Hudgens, 21, have been going strong for almost 5 years since the couple first met while filming the hit movie franchise *High School Musical*. Efron added, “I think I’ve always said I’m not gonna get married ’til I’m 30. I’m gonna wait. I wouldn’t want that kind of commitment or pressure at this point.”

**How do you know if you’re ready to settle down?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Some decisions are life altering. When comes time to make them, you don't want to make a mistake. Cupid can help make sure you're on the right path.

**1. Foundation:** Make sure it's love, not lust. If you can stand all of your partner's weirdest quirks, and handle them at their lowest, then it might be worth giving a chance. The marriage doctors, Mr. and Mrs. Schmitz say, "...the simple truth is, most all successful marriages that stand the test of time, begin with love."

**2. Values:** Don't let your partner dwindle your beliefs. If you can't come to a compromise on how you feel about important issues, like how to raise future children, or opinions about ethical situations, then maybe it's time to take a step back in the relationship.

**3. Simple:** "A successful marriage is an accumulation of doing the simple things," the Schmitz' add. Does he hold the door open for you, or let it close behind him and slam you in the face? Does she rush home to tell you about her great day at work, but won't pay attention when you talk about your day? Consider these actions – they speak louder than words.

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## Jane Krakowski Won't Elope





30 Rock star Jane Krakowski told [People](#) magazine last week that she and her designer fiancé, Robert Godley, will not elope — la Calista Flockheart, her *Ally McBeal* costar. Krakowski and Godley became engaged over the holidays this past year, but have no wedding plans as of yet. The actress *did* reveal, however, that though elopement is not for her, she does think it fits Flockheart and husband Harrison Ford.

**How do you know if elopement is for you?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Eloping is a personal decision that can only be made between you and your partner. Before you jump on a plane to Vegas, read Cupid's advice to see if it's right for you:

**1. Family:** Though the wedding is ultimately about you, you may want to first consider the thoughts of your family before making the decision. Bring up the idea of eloping and see how mom reacts.



**2. Serendipity:** Are you a spontaneous couple? Do you believe in the fates and flying by the seat of your pants? If not, a spur of the moment commitment may not be in your best interest. Planners and list-makers beware.

**3. Money matters:** For couples that are tight on cash, an elopement is often cheaper than a full-blown wedding. Depending on where you go, it can double as a honeymoon, thus saving even more time, planning, and even your wallet.

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## 'The Bachelorette' Star Ali Fedotowsky Picks Her Man





Ali Fedotowsky began her stint on ABC's *The Bachelorette* with 20 eligible men vying for her love. Last week, [US Weekly](#) reported that she says she's confident she chose the right man as her future husband during the season finale. Fedotowsky narrowed down her contenders to three in last week's episode, and her final choice will be revealed during the ABC finale on August 2. Though the lucky guy has not been revealed, Fedotowsky told *US* that a 2011 wedding is in the works.

**How do you know if you've chosen the right partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Most of us aren't lucky enough to have a slew of suitors at our door, but it's important that we weed out the good partners from the bad when potential lovers do come around.

**1. Stranger danger:** When you begin dating, you can't possibly know all of your partners' dirty little secrets, but remember that more times than not, the past has a way of presenting itself. Keep your ears and eyes open, and take the time to get to know someone before settling down.

**2. Ask for directions:** When choosing a long term partner, it's important that both people are heading in a similar direction, or are willing to compromise to make things work. For example, if you want a commitment and he or she doesn't, or you want to live in the suburbs and they won't move out of the city, these differences could be a relationship deal-breaker.

**3. Love and trust:** The most important traits in a future mate is that they love you and treat you well. If you don't feel love, trust, or respect, then you should move on and wait for someone better.

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## Carrie Underwood's Tahitian Honeymoon





Photos have surfaced of Carrie Underwood and husband Mike Fisher relaxing during their Tahitian honeymoon. The newlyweds have been exploring the French Polynesian sights from underwater and in the air. “Carrie and Mike have enjoyed swimming and snorkeling with reef sharks,” a source told [People](#) over the weekend. “They also toured the island via helicopter.” In addition, the couple has enjoyed some alone time in their bungalow.

**How can you make your honeymoon memorable?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

While you may be ready to relax, don’t kick your heels up just yet. Preparation, along with a great attitude, can ensure an unforgettable honeymoon once you’ve reached your destination.

**1. Research:** Do your homework. Find out where the best places to visit are. Search for the best restaurants and entertainment. Jot down one place or activity you’d like to experience each day so you don’t forget about it while out sightseeing.

**2. Become a photo lover:** The best way to make any experience memorable is to take pictures. Not only will you have fun documenting your getaway through the lens, but you'll be able to relive the memories when you get back home.

**3. Relax:** Most importantly, relax! Leave work, family, and friends at home. This is your honeymoon, which marks the beginning of your lives together as a married couple. Focus on and enjoy your relationship.