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SHOULD YOU GET ENGAGED?

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Every year 2.3 million couples ask or answer a short four word question — “Should I get engaged?” Although the question is short, the outcome is huge. Once all the wedding plans get going, it’s hard to change your mind! That’s why if you’re currently considering asking or answering the “Would you marry me?” question, you need to be absolutely sure you’re ready to get married *before you get engaged*.

In my book, *Before You Get Engaged*, I give twelve factors someone should consider before making an engagement decision. These twelve factors focus on the following three areas:



1. Are you personally ready to get married?

Would you marry you? A dating or engagement relationship, or ultimately a marriage, is only as healthy as the individuals in it. Relational health is vitally connected to individual health. It begins with you.

2. Are you as a couple ready to get married?

When I work with couples who are considering marriage, I encourage them to think about the ways their similarities and differences could add or subtract from their relationship. Core values, personality differences, likes and dislikes, spending habits — these areas and more are essential factors in relational harmony and success.

3. Do others think you’re ready to get married?

If you’re considering getting engaged and your family and friends are saying “no,” I’d urge you to give their input serious thought. Something may not be right and therefore needs to be checked out. It’s in your best interest not to ignore what may be some very wise counsel from those who know you best.

Several years ago a large number of married couples were asked, “If you had it to do all over again, would you marry the same person?” Shockingly, 70 percent of these couples said no, they would not marry the person they had married. That’s tragic, but it’s also preventable. Make sure *before you get engaged* that you’ve found the right person for you – and for each other!



Dr. Dave Gudel, is the author of *Before You Get Engaged* and *Before You Live Together*. Dr Gudel as both a speaker and counselor has been working with couples and individuals for over thirty-five years. As the Senior Pastor of Bethany Bible Church, Dave’s teaching is also heard on a thirty-minute weekday radio program in Phoenix, AZ. Dave’s Relational Intelligence seminar called RQ, is a fast paced three-hour seminar that gives couples and individuals pre-engagement help for making one of the most important decisions in life.

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