

# FIVE FACTORS TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SAY "I DO"

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Are you deciding on whether to tie the knot with a particular somebody? Here are a few basic (and some startling) factors to consider discussing with your probable future better-half before believing they are "The One":



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## The Residing Factor

Before getting married, try discussing amongst yourselves about where you two would love to build your home (if not a house). Is he/she is comfortable living with their in-laws or would both of you prefer living on your own? Does one of you have to stay away for a while to pursue educational or career opportunities? Do both of you wish to settle down in your home country or somewhere abroad?

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## Religious Commitment

Getting to know their religious perspectives beforehand could help you better understand their personality traits. Discussing about each other's level of religious practice will tell you a lot about their lifestyle and what you can look forward to as well.

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## About Responsibilities and Income

There is a clichéd saying that, once the honeymoon phase is over, adjusting to each other's "real-self" and "real-issues" could be quite excruciating. However, discussing and deciding beforehand on issues you both find important could help save your marriage from taking a toll. Some of the probable questions which could be asked are: Would the income be shared? Does one of you not wish to work? Would a helping-hand be available? Who would take care of the finances?

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## Kids: When and How Many

Although this subject-matter could sound a bit uncomfortable to discuss initially, however, during the courtship, you might want to get to know about their plans regarding having just one child or more or none at all and at what point of life they see themselves starting a family.

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## Future Goals

For predicting or planning the future, try to get to know each other's goals in the first two years of marriage. In fact, if both of you find this subject matter important, try sharing where you see yourself in the next five to ten years.

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