

The Marriage Invitation

In all the hurry and scurry to plan a perfect wedding some wedding invitations seem to have been misplaced. I don't think that that postal service is to blame for this. I fear that they were never sent. It may have been an oversight for some but for others it was premeditated. You see weddings are very special days and not just anyone can be invited. Nobody would dare show up without an invitation. Even God is a gentleman and usually waits to be invited.

How sad it is when God is not sent invited to the wedding. Still yet, there are times he is invited to the wedding, but He is not welcome to the reception or to the actual marriage. At other times He is an invited guest, but nobody speaks with him or offers him a place to sit. He is simply ignored.

Sometimes the couple treats God as a new stray dog in their home. They bring him home and put him in a small area. He is just is not allowed to have full access to the house. He might mess something up or get in the way. There is just not time for "Him" in their busy schedules. Out of duty he is given food and water and occasionally patted on the head. He is taken for an hour walk on Sundays so that should meet his exercise needs.

God is sometimes treated as the local fire and rescue service. Couples are satisfied to know that he is there if he is needed in an emergency. They know that if they call 911 He will answer and dispatch his angels. God is only needed in an emergency since they can usually take care of most things without "His" help.

Sadly God is treated as a long lost childhood friend. Somehow the good intentions were there but they failed to stay in contact. Unlike today's best friend-this old friend is not on speed dial and we certainly do not have an inside line to contact Him at work. As time passes we know less and less about this one time important friend with whom we used to share our secrets and struggles.

At times God is treated as a child. Sex is for two MARRIED grown-ups and there is just no place for him in the union. He cannot be involved in marital sex life. He cannot see our naked bodies-the ones he personally created. God cannot be asked to be present in the bedroom. After all, sex is dirty and something of which to be ashamed. Nobody told them that sex was God's idea. They fail to realize that sexuality is a special God created mystery that brings two together and bonds them closer than ever. It is an anointed union that keeps the devil at bay.

Sometimes God is seen as an unprofessional used car salesman or horse trader. The couple discredits his word. They do not believe the promises that are given within the pages of his word. They think that God wants their hard-earned money. Sometimes they just do not want to accept God's offer of heaven through Jesus Christ just yet. They put the purchase off to a later date until they have checked out all other options and lived it up in the world.

Finally a strange transition takes place because God allows couples to have "FREE WILL". Somehow spouses are treated as God used to be. Meals are rarely cooked and the trash is often overflowing. They no longer have time for one another. Spouses lose their place of honor.

Deep intimate love and communication is gone. Trust is lost and promises are broken. Finances are hidden. The living room couch serves as a bed. All of thissimply because “He” wasn’t invited to the marriage.