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**Wedding Planning I – Scheduling**

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"A–wedding Day" had many requests for information about the chronology of steps for both the wedding ceremony and reception. I hope that the following steps will help you schedule the details involved with your wedding ceremony and reception. It is important that you note that these are general and the actual procedure for your personal wedding may vary according to your preference and these of your officiant as you incorporate your religion, heritage and customs.

I have included steps for incorporating kids in re–marriages and blending families.

**Ceremony Steps:**

The ushers seat guests as they arrive for the ceremony.

The mother of the bride is seated last, unless she accompanies her daughter to the altar.

The musicians play background music.

At the scheduled start time, unless the officiant, the groom, and the best man are in the processional, they take their places at the altar (or ceremony place).

The musicians start to play the processional music.

Mothers light the tapers for the Unity candle ceremony that will follow the bride and groom's kiss.

Procession – The most traditional order of the processional is ushers and bridesmaids in pairs, followed by the maid of

honor, ring bearer, and flower girl. The bride enters last, escorted by her father or by both parents.

The officiant greets the guests.

In a religious wedding, the officiant leads a brief opening prayer.

Special readings, songs and or music follow.

The officiant's message.

The vows – Bride and groom.

In re–marriage the vows – blending family –vows from parents to children.

The exchange of rings and the pronouncement "pronouncing you husband and wife".

Bride and groom kiss.

In re–marriage giving each child a piece of jewelry and the pronouncement " pronouncing you a new family".

Bride, groom and kids hug and kiss.

Unity candle ceremony (In remarriage, include the kids).

The officiant then introduces the bride and groom as husband and wife.

In remarriage, the officiant then introduces the bride and groom and their kids, preferably by names, as a new family.

Exit procession: bride and groom, followed by the adult attendants in pairs, followed by the ring bearer and flower girl.

Take photos while the guests go to the reception.

### Reception Steps

The reception starts with a receiving line that includes the bride and groom, parents and attendants.

At the same time it is appropriate for waiters to circulate with drinks and hors d'oeuvres while the receiving line is in progress.

Background music played.

The bride and groom can open the dancing either before or after food is served.

If you are planning a dinner and dancing reception, the "bride and groom's first dance" occurs after dinner followed by the bride dancing with her father and the groom with his mother after which other guests are allowed out on the floor.

Toasts should begin at the end of the meal.

The first toast is the best man's toast to the bride.

In re-marriage, the bride and groom introduce their children before the first toast.

Other toasts.

Cake cutting ceremony.

The garter and bouquet tosses occur just before the couple is ready to leave for the honeymoon.

The guests send the couple off for their honeymoon with a shower of rice, rose petals, or bubbles, balloons, butterfly release or doves release.

After the honeymoon, do not forget to write the thank-you notes.

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## **Wedding Planning Are Your Steps To Heaven**

**By Paul Thomas**

Wedding planning, do you actually need it? Before you stand in front of the minister, there are thousands of things to get done. There are to be made decisions concerning wedding favors, wedding rings, wedding invitations and wedding accessories. And what about your honeymoon? Where should you travel to? Before anything else you must start out with getting your wedding invitations send I good

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time before the wedding takes place. You can find information about wedding invitations online, both concerning layout and wording.

You got to think planning. Try a search on the internet for wedding planning. You can find information in abundance. Anything you need is to find: wedding flowers, wedding music, wedding photographers, etc.

You need to make a very detailed wedding plan because if the right things are not done on the right moment you will get sidetracked and loose control. Get the wedding process down on paper step by step and stay on top of the situation. With a plan in your hand you can relax and even enjoy the preparation for your grand wedding day.

If you own a bridal notebook you can keep track of your process from start to finish. Begin your wedding planning several months before the actual wedding to make sure you got time to correct any mistakes that can happen. The first important step is to get those wedding invitations send. Always think ahead. For example: if you have ordered your wedding invitations at some shop, it can take longer to receive them than you think.

If you are forced to make wedding planning on a budget, and need to save money on your shopping. You might consider making your own wedding invitations, maybe even make the wedding flowers yourself, and cut back on expectation to where your wedding party is held. The great thing about doing those things yourself is that your wedding will get a more personal touch, which you can not buy. Great idea if you want a unique and special wedding.

Wedding planning is the most important step to stay on track from start to finish. Do not be nonchalant about the wedding planning issue. Make sure your special day will be perfect.

Thank you for your time.

Find much more wedding information and mostly about wedding planning at

. Check it out!



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