

2 Timothy 3:1-5 Living Bible

3 You may as well know this too, Timothy, that in the last days it is going to be very difficult to be a Christian.<sup>2</sup> For people will love only themselves and their money; they will be proud and boastful, sneering at God, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful to them, and thoroughly bad. <sup>3</sup> They will be hardheaded and never give in to others; they will be constant liars and troublemakers and will think nothing of immorality. They will be rough and cruel, and sneer at those who try to be good. <sup>4</sup> They will betray their friends; they will be hotheaded, puffed up with pride, and prefer good times to worshiping God.<sup>5</sup> They will go to church, yes, but they won't really believe anything they hear. Don't be taken in by people like that.

The Holy Scriptures above really explain to us what it is like to live every day in a godless world, we struggle constantly to try and be good law abiding citizens as the world continues to deteriorate rapidly. In encountering worldwide struggles to keep positive no matter what happens even the slightest problem can send us searching for relief and quietness. The picture above really hits home about how we cannot provide stability for ourselves, our mates, and our children. In seeing and living all these conditions every day, can we look into the face of God and say "did you know about all this"? The experience I have in being married and continuing to create a successful family life had many pitfalls which makes we wonder how did things turn out this way? In a project that started in late 2001, First off I did not stay "married" to the same person. I could not actually get the relationship off the ground it sited incompatible differences in less than two months. In continuing my journey I had a continued secession of starting over again that led to understanding and acknowledging imperfect unions threw arranged marriages. I learned of racism, separation, divorce, and abandonment.

In returning to the Bible and stories of how Bible character lived. The earliest piece of information that

conforms to success in meeting and establishing marriage is recorded as far back in the Bible as the Hebrew patriarchs. The story of the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah helped to follow closely how these two people met and how it was all established from there. As they met from the servant of Abraham, it is required that he returns to the blood family and ask the brothers to provide a wife for Abraham's son from his family members, Genesis chapter 24. In looking closely Abraham choses a responsible servant and has him arrange the procedures with members from his blood family, i.e. one of the eligible females in the family as a suitable wife for his son. In looking at Isaac he is ready to get married by age, experience, emotional maturity, and wise decision making skills. All of these things are important to even start the union, if one of the qualifications are not there then the marriage cannot even be considered it will surely fall apart. There are many factors that lead to pitfalls, upbringing, education, goals, and natural skills in multiple areas. Each of these things must be considered or they will be boldly exposed in one way or another. As time goes by it is important that men be gentlemen and that women should be ladies, it is rude to try and pretend to be these qualifications and deceive the other. In the dictionary the word

**Gentleman** = a chivalrous, courteous, or honorable man, a polite or formal way of referring to a man. It is important to know that women are expecting a man to be a gentleman, if a man is not then this is actually what the woman wants or the parents prefer this. The word Lady = a woman (used as a polite or oldfashioned form of reference), a woman of superior social position, especially one of noble birth. The same hold true for a woman if she is not a lady then this is the personality that is wanted or preferred.

When it comes to the union created for a marriage people have done many things to display a couple as the idea mates. Underlying we have fornication, incest, abortions, adoption, and abandonment that was hidden from the eyes of the community or world when people do this. So the union itself has hidden shame that people keep quiet about. The story of Abraham finding a wife for his son by instructing his servant to return to his family in Mesopotamia is worth analyzing. At *Genesis 24:57-58 (Living Bible) <sup>57</sup> "Well," they said, "we'll call the girl and ask her what she thinks. "<sup>58</sup> So they called Rebekah. "Are you willing to go with this man?" they asked her. And she replied, "Yes, 9 will go." In looking closely at the story we find that the girl was old enough to make her own decision about a man she had not met yet. This is a custom having been* 

observed in setting up an arranged union. Since the young woman is supposed to travel all the way to a foreign country never to see her family again, she must understand this when she is asked to make a choice. It is clear that Abraham sent a distinguished servant to represent the family to his relatives that may have not known of what has become of their brother. He also arranged that gifts be given to show wealth accumulated over time. What passage does the Bible have to show that the custom of arranged marriage was what was expected of the patriarchs? At Psalm 45:10-11 (Names of God Bible) <sup>10</sup> Listen, daughter! Look closely! Turn your ear toward me. Forget your people, and forget your father's house. " The king longs for your beauty. He is your Lord. Worship him. In European cities the development of arranged marriages have become big business in modern times, where an elderly experienced couple can make the decision of how two people can come together and make a successful union. Going online how is it described:

#### Are arranged marriages a good idea?

Arranged marriages **provide equal stature, financial stability, cultural identity and the same opinions among partners and families, so, there is very less chance of disputes**. The only downside to this is that partners do not know each other nor do they love each other before the marriage; well, most of the times How successful are arranged marriages?

The divorce rate of arranged marriages is **less than 4 percent** versus 40 percent of marriages in the U.S. where partners chose who to marry on their own free will. Arranged marriages are far from a new concept, and they're still practiced in certain parts of the world.

## Are arranged marriages legal in the US?

**In some U.S. states, forced marriage is a crime**, and in all U.S. states, people who force someone to marry may be charged with violating state laws, including those against domestic violence, child abuse, rape, assault, kidnapping, threats of violence, stalking, or coercion.

# Why do arranged marriages happen?

Over human history through modern times, the practice of arranged marriages has been encouraged by a combination of factors, such as the practice of child marriage, late marriage, tradition, culture, religion, poverty and limited choice, disabilities, wealth and inheritance issues, politics, social and ethnic conflicts

Which marriage is more successful?

Pro-arranged marriage community always point the rate of divorce among love marriages. interestingly both groups never cite the happily married couples in both cases. A perfect or successful marriage is where both couples adjust themselves to suit each other.

#### Which country has most arranged marriages? Today, the most prominent 'arranged marriage countries' are:

- India.
- China.
- Pakistan.
- Japan.
- Israel.
- Afghanistan.
- Iran.
- Iraq.

## How can I judge a girl in arranged marriage? Arranged Marriage: What to Ask a Girl in the First Meeting

- 1. Ice breaker questions.
- 2. Show interest in career and education goals.
- 3. Her marriage expectations.
- 4. Ask about duties towards her parents.
- 5. Ask about her lifestyle.
- 6. Ask about her choice of clothing.

What is a wife called before marriage?

Future brides and grooms may be called **fiancée (feminine)** or fiancé (masculine), the betrothed, a wife-to-be or husband-to-be, respectively. The duration of the courtship varies vastly, and is largely dependent on cultural norms or upon the agreement of the parties involved.

Why is love marriage better than arranged?

Love marriage: **The partners are fully responsible to make their life decisions and the stand to take during conflicts**. Hence they are not in a position to blame others for any losses or gains. Arranged marriage: The families of the marrying couple come together into a new relationship.

Why do arranged marriages fail?

The problem with arranged marriages is that **families will put two individuals together because the families are friendly with one another, regardless of whether the couple is comfortable with each other**. The individuals may not be forced into marriage, but familial pressure sometimes make them feel like it.

What are the problems of arranged marriage?

People in arranged marriages face many of the same issues as people who marry for love—**communication**, **infidelity**, **the death of romance**, **fights about money**, **and different parenting philosophies**—and sometimes seek counseling to resolve these issues.

Does love exist in arranged marriages?

The bottom line is this: Experts agree that **couples who get hitched via an arrangement can indeed fall just as deeply in love as those who meet by** 

**chance**. Ultimately, the success of the marriage depends not on how the individuals met, but on the work they put in after saying "I do."

Married at First Sight is an American reality television series that first aired on July 8, 2014, on FYI. The series is based on a Danish series titled Gift Ved Første Blik that first aired on September 4, 2013, on DR3. The original Danish series format has been sold to broadcasters throughout the world.

In today's world television series have been created that teach how people have and can get married at the resources of scholars that come together professionally and put couples together from around the globe. Another show is, 90 Day Fiancé is an American reality television series on TLC that follows couples who have applied for or received a K-1 visa, available uniquely to foreign fiancés of U.S. citizens, and therefore have 90 days to marry each other. The series debuted on January 12, 2014, and has run for 9 seasons. Each show created has its own formula of how people seek mates from all over the world. In returning to the Bible we read the important religious custom of how a girl should approach marriage at this day and age which can ultimately lead to successful unions. What information does the Bible to express how women around the globe hope as they leave everything and follow the male in a union that they hope will last and be stronger place for them? At Mark 10:4-9 (Living Bible)<sup>4</sup> "He said it was all right," they replied. "He said that all a man has to do is write his wife a letter of dismissal."<sup>5</sup> "And why did he say that?" Jesus asked. "9'll tell you why—it was a concession to your hardhearted wickedness. <sup>6-7</sup> But it certainly isn't God's way. For from the very first he made man and woman to be joined together permanently in marriage; therefore a man is to leave his father and mother, <sup>8</sup> and he and his wife are united so that they are no longer two, but one. <sup>9</sup> And no man may separate what God has joined together. "A lot of families trust in the Lord and many hold true to Be God fearing women that can succeed in these marriages. May women use Proverbs 31 as a moral lesson that can make their marriages successfully. More Christian principles that contribute to leading successful family lives that are the cornerstone of Christian conduct as the world continues to deteriorate are:

Proverbs 5:15-23 LB

Malachi 2:13-16 LB

Matthew 19:7-9 LB (footnote)

Romans 7:1-3 NOG

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 NOG

1 Corinthians 7:10-11 NOG

Ephesians 5:28-33 LB

# Hebrews 13:4