

“Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous.” (25:74)

Marriage can be very complicated if you are **IDEALISTIC**, however if you are **REALISTIC**, it is much easier. There is no Mr/Miss Perfect/Right. You're not perfect, so how can anyone else be?

Films, Media, Book, Society create false impressions of marriage. In reality **marriage is always a compromise** and not an ideal. It requires **effort, tolerance and understanding** from both sides to make it work.

Boys want a beautiful, educated, rich, & obedient wife. But at the same time they feel threatened by women who are more qualified than them. Superiority & Patriarchy complex - best spouse, partner/parent/chance.

The mentality of the moulding/dictating the bride/groom. The future partner is not an object, they are supposed to be someone you love and want to share your life with.

What do you have in common? Same wavelength, aspirations, aims and direction in life. **Have commonality, but not a photocopy of yourself.** You need to have some differences in your personalities to balance each other, otherwise life will be very boring.

“A woman is married for four reasons: property, status, beauty, and religion. Thus, give precedence to one with religion.” (Bukhari)

Wealth, status, beauty and family background are important, however religion trumps wealth, beauty and status. All these things fade, what lasts is your character and religion.

Parents should prioritise proposals based on Deen and character of the suitor otherwise they will suffer.

إِذَا خَطَبَ إِلَيْكُمْ مَنْ تَرْضَوْنَ دِينَهُ وَخُلُقَهُ فَرَوِّجُوهُ إِلَّا تَفَعَّلُوا تَكُنْ فِتْنَةٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَفَسَادٌ عَرِيضٌ (Tirmidhi)

What qualities are important in a spouse? Trust and honesty is very important in marriage. Lies and doubt destroy a marriage. Calmness, generosity and kindness are also important. Frowning, angry and misery destroy the tranquillity of marriage.

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

How practising should your partner be before marriage? The bare minimum is that they observe the five pillars of Deen. They tick all 3 boxes: Salah, Zakat & Sawm. They should not be lax or struggling in them. **The consequences are dire on the peace and stability of the house and impact on children. If parents don't pray or practice how will children?**