

MARRIAGE POLICY

by Joseph Pauley

I will only consider marrying a couple who are both members in good standing of the Belle Church of Christ.

The couple who meets the previous qualification must then agree to submit to an 8-week premarital counseling regimen with me. At the end of the eight weeks, I reserve the right to decline to marry any couple I believe to be improper candidates for marriage.

Should I decide not to marry the couple, it will be for disqualification for marriage according to the Scriptures or a subjective judgment that the couple is not ready for the commitment of marriage due to immaturity or serious misconceptions about the marriage relationship. For those couples in the latter case I will be willing to initiate further counseling. For those couples in the former case my participation will be terminated without reconsideration.

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