




**‘An Olive Branch’:
a Guide to help you
discern a Kingdom
Spouse**




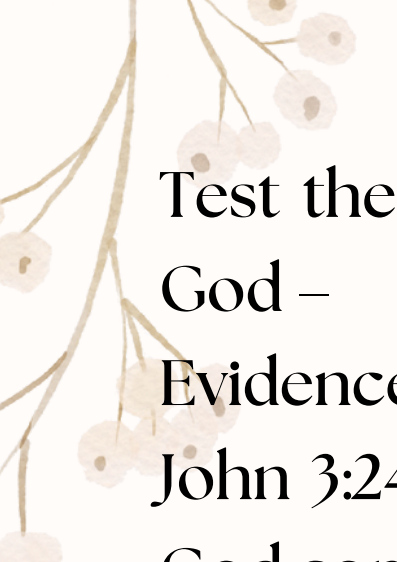
Kingdom marriage (God's Will finding an expression on earth through the marriage covenant-pleasure and purpose). It is not a Disney fairytale... it's an assignment for the Kingdom ambassadors to wage against the enemy hence it is at the front-line call to the battlefield

You are to grow in love hence walk in the Spirit, it's a journey. A place of sanctification and transformation.

First things first, God is not of confusion but of order and peace. and given that it is an assignment IN Christ. The Marriage covenant Is about 'NOT MY WILL BUT YOURS BE DONE LORD'

The man will pursue you


- By initiating and taking lead concerning all the processes ...your role is to be in position and prepare yourself.
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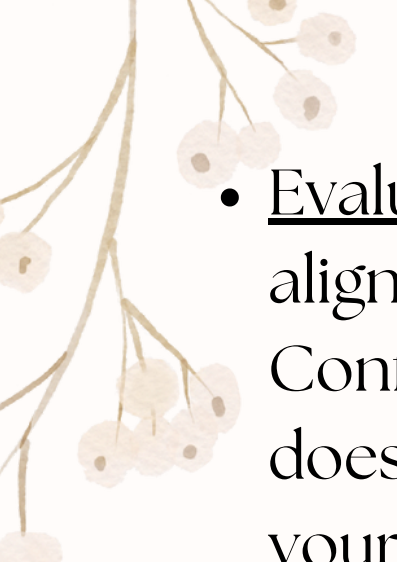


Test the Spirit to See Whether They Are of God –

Evidence of the Holy Spirit [1 John 4:1-6 & 1 John 3:24] And aligned with the purposes of God concerning you. (Genesis 24)


How do you do this?


- Examine if he respects your boundaries.
 - Asses if his actions match his confessions (Christian belief, values and perception).
 - Observe if he is a good listener and does he heed to your suggestions? This key in knowing that in marriage covenant everything is with mutual understanding-willing and teachable.
 - Listen carefully with discernment on his past and present experience (environment, family [culture and tradition], religion and social values). They are a KEY to future patterns.
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- Evaluate “the package” who he is does it align with God’s Word for you.

Confession that I believe in Jesus Christ does not mean that He is suitable for your destiny (Kingdom purposes, similar belief system and needs (strengths, weakness and opportunities)-equally yoked)- does it align with God’s Word for you (who are you? And what has God called you to do? [identity IN Christ]).


Like a phone review


- Write down what you like about him (his good qualities) and what you don't like about him. A review of Him against the character of Christ; Humble service (John 13:1-5), Holiness (1 Peter 1:15-16), Righteousness (1 John 3:7), Purity (1 John 3:3), Love (Ephesians 5:1-2), Forgiveness (Colossians 3:13), Compassion (Ephesians 4:32), (cont)...
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(cont) ...Endurance (Hebrews 12:2-4), Submission (I Peter 2:21-4), Humility (Proverbs 11:2; 22:4, Ephesians 4:2), obedience (Philippians 2:5-8), Kindness (Luke 6:35), Generous giving (II Corinthians 8:1-9) and the Heart of Christ gentle and humble in heart (Matthew 11:28-30).


When all this has been met, **DO NOT** be in a **rush** to plan anything until you have:

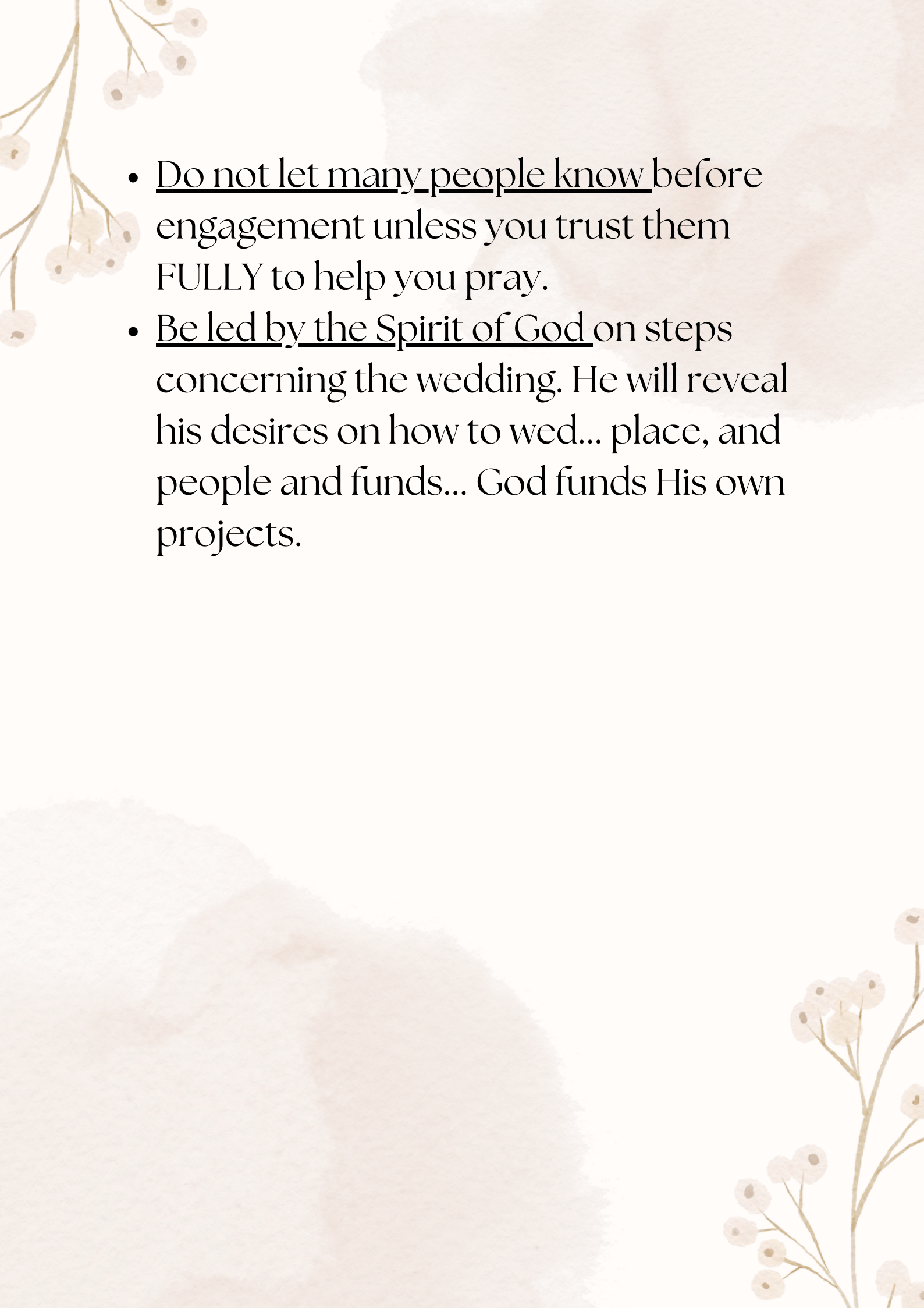
- Examined the conditions of your heart (Hebrews 13:18) by Fasting and praying concerning the future spouse 3 days or even 5 days....NOT MY WILL BUT YOURS BE DONE LORD Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come,
 - Released every thought [ideas, plans, suggestions Vain Words and 'Prophecies'] captive to Christ -2 Corinthians 10:5
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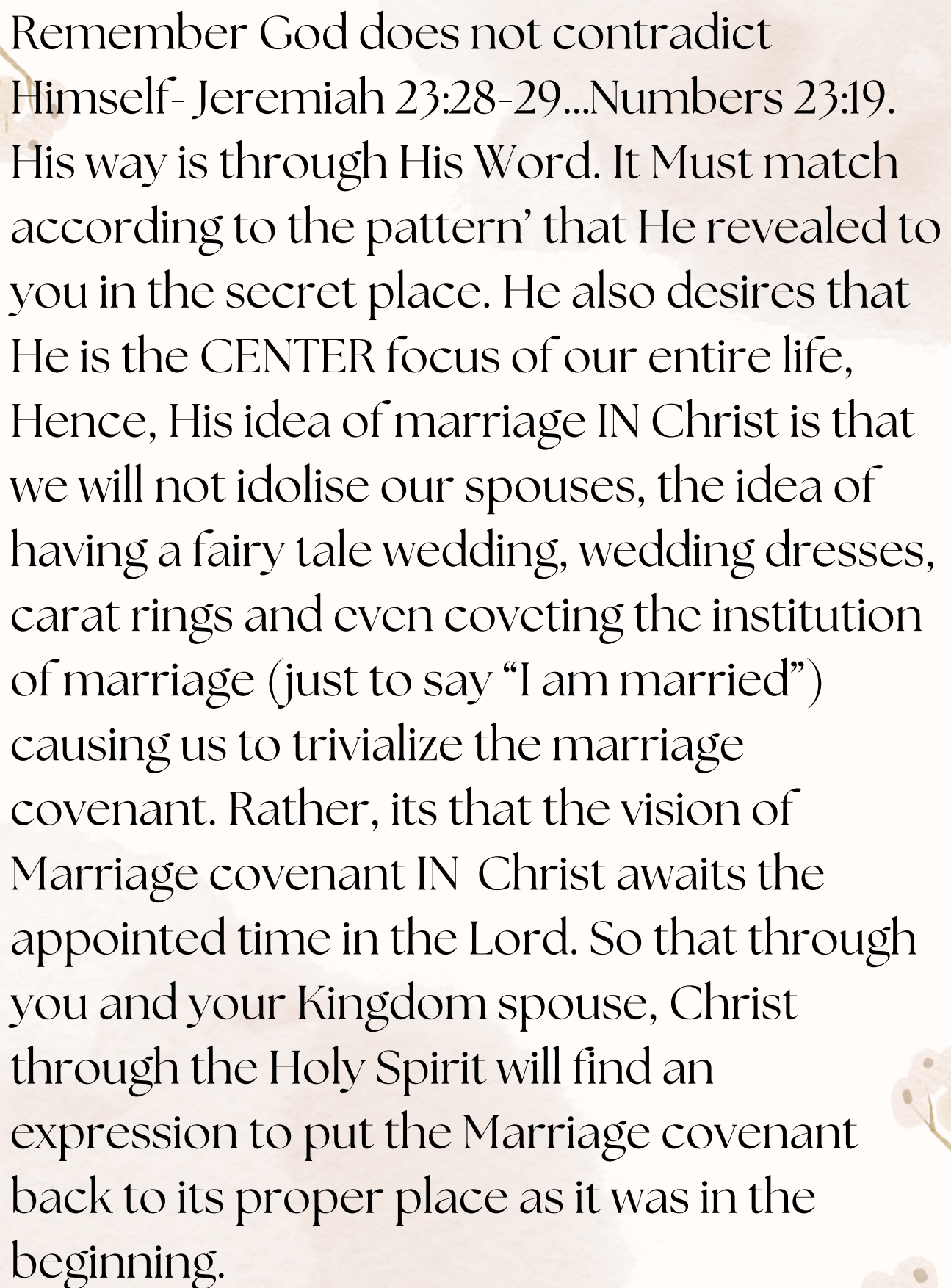
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- Received a revelation of God's Word that becomes the foundation of the Marriage.
 - Seek wise counsel (Proverbs 9:1-12, Proverbs 8) probably a pastor, mentor or a person of accountability in your life and premarital counselling.

Then proceed with Prudence and Discretion. Plans of God are like conception ...you don't speak on them until they are at a stage of maturity. His Glory will eventually show or manifest.

Making sure that

- All the official/legal rights are met. I.e. officially meet the parents (direct people of authority who are witnesses) and agree on the terms of engagement. (Proceed with prudence and discretion)
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- Do not let many people know before engagement unless you trust them FULLY to help you pray.
 - Be led by the Spirit of God on steps concerning the wedding. He will reveal his desires on how to wed... place, and people and funds... God funds His own projects.



Remember God does not contradict Himself- Jeremiah 23:28-29...Numbers 23:19. His way is through His Word. It Must match according to the pattern' that He revealed to you in the secret place. He also desires that He is the CENTER focus of our entire life, Hence, His idea of marriage IN Christ is that we will not idolise our spouses, the idea of having a fairy tale wedding, wedding dresses, carat rings and even coveting the institution of marriage (just to say "I am married") causing us to trivialize the marriage covenant. Rather, its that the vision of Marriage covenant IN-Christ awaits the appointed time in the Lord. So that through you and your Kingdom spouse, Christ through the Holy Spirit will find an expression to put the Marriage covenant back to its proper place as it was in the beginning.

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