

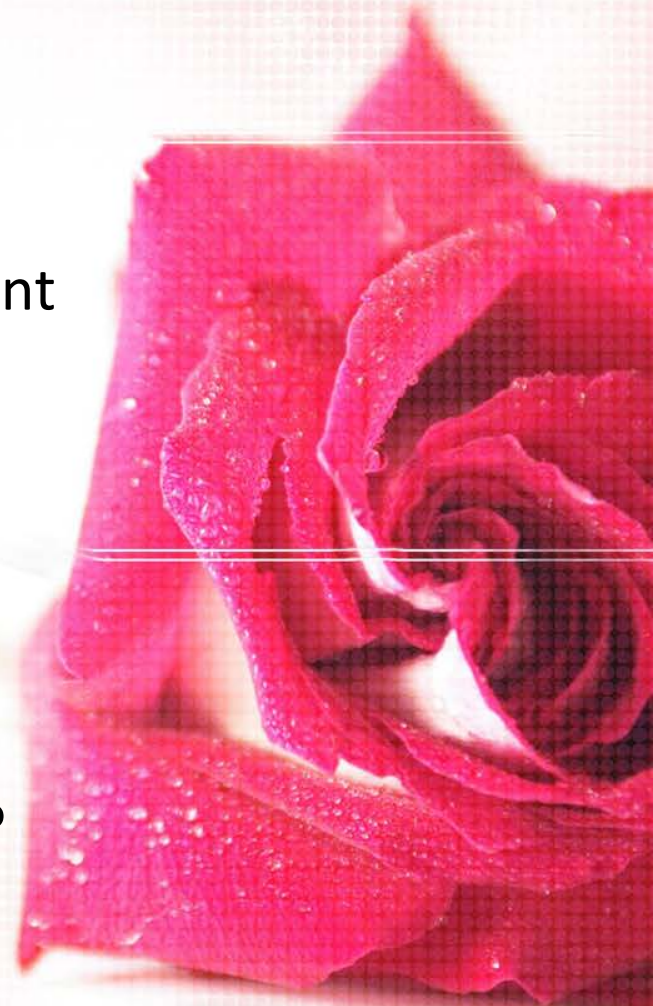
Engagement

*Purpose of Engagement,
Planning a Wedding &
Honeymoon*



So Now You're Engaged . . .

- The Social Transition from single life to married life.
- Begin to be treated differently
 - Begin to be called son or daughter—aunt or uncle
 - Everyone gives you advice
- Begin to see each other differently
 - How well does he/she assist his/her parents?
 - How well does he/she tackle a project?



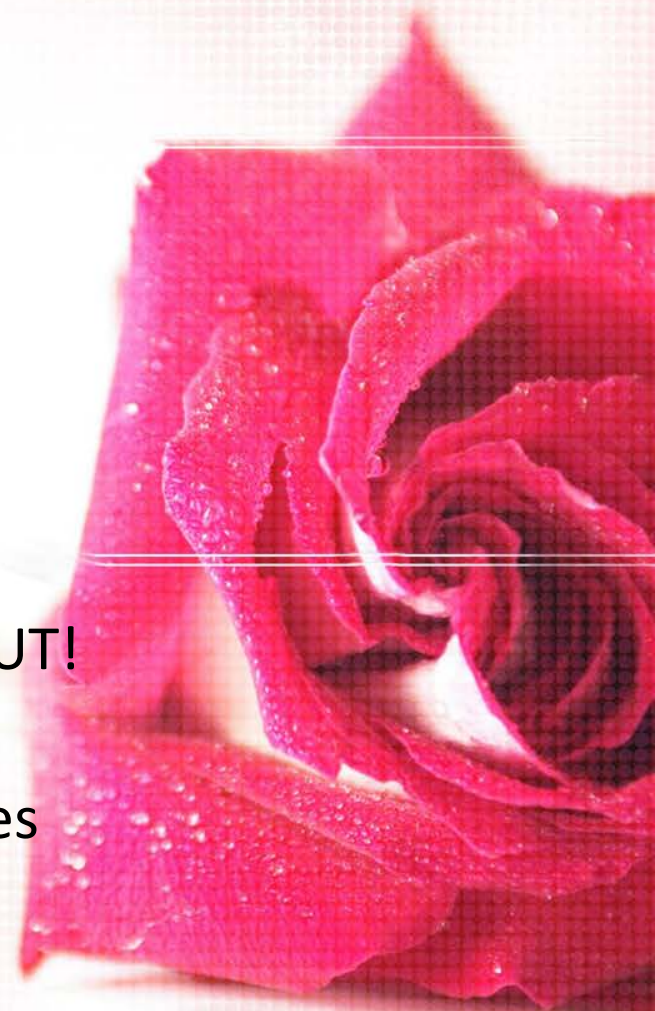
Purpose of Engagement . . .

- *Establish Yourselves as a Couple*
- *Discover Similarities and Differences*
- *Spend Time Together*
- *Get to Know Each Other Better*
- *Observe Each Other in a Variety of Situations*



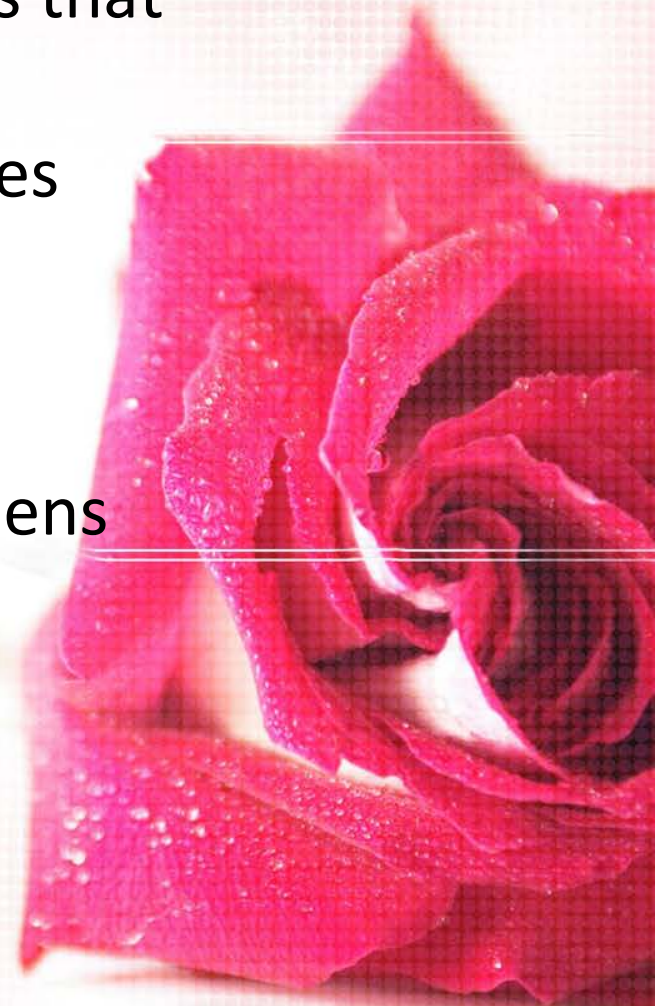
So Now You're Engaged . . .

- Seek Counsel or Advice
- Arrange for a place to live
- Plan the Wedding
- Continue to evaluate the relationship
 - If you don't like what you see—GET OUT!
 - It is easier to suffer the difficulties of a broken engagement than the difficulties of a divorce



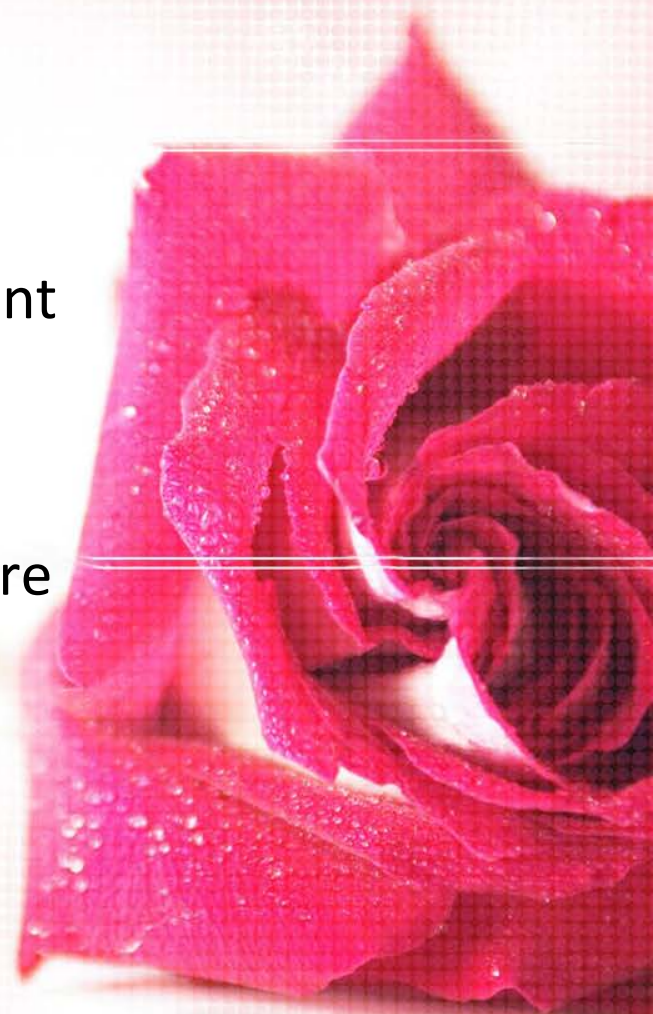
Trousseau: What is That?

- An acquired collection of belongings that will help the female establish an independent home when she marries
- Traditional trousseau includes:
 - Fine China, Goblets, Flatware
 - Hand embroidered or painted linens
 - Heirlooms or keepsakes
 - Pots & Pans
 - Dishes



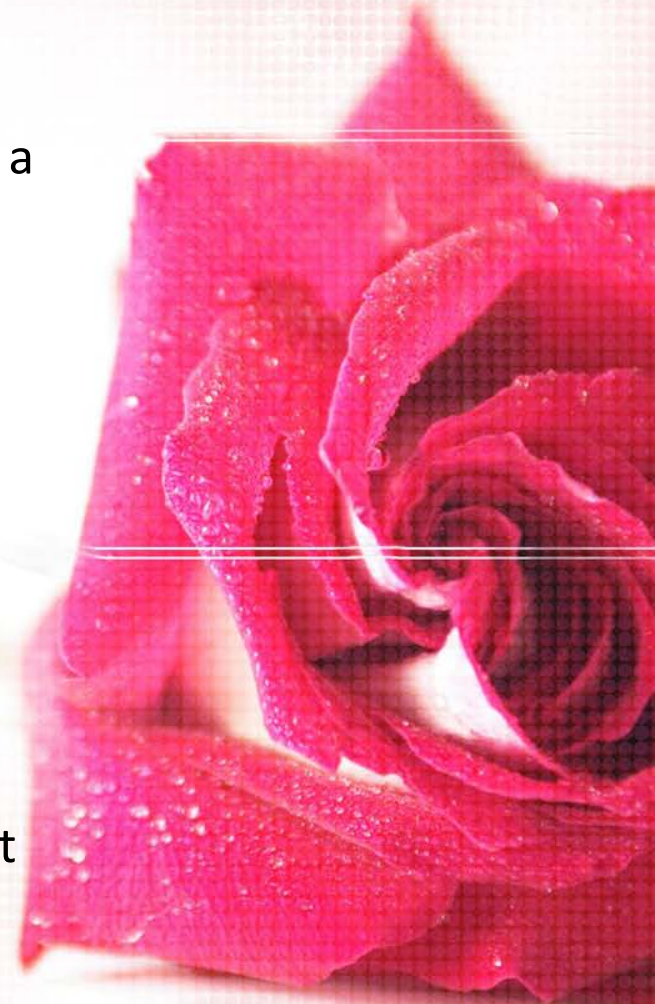
Trousseau: What would you include?

- Non-Traditional Trousseau: Make it practical
 - A car paid in full
 - Camping or other recreational equipment
 - Basic tools
 - Stereo, TV, other electronics
 - A bed, dining room set, or other furniture
 - A savings account
- Make sure anything you have is **Debt** free!



Getting a Marriage License

- Obtained at the County Clerks office
- If you are 18 years of age or older
 - Appear at the clerk's office with your fiancé and a form of I.D. for each individual
- If you are 16 to 17 years old
 - Need to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian
- If you are 15 years old
 - You and a legal guardian must submit a Petition for Authorization to Marry and a Court Order form must be obtained from the Clerk/Auditors office of the county and taken to a juvenile court judge who must authorize the marriage



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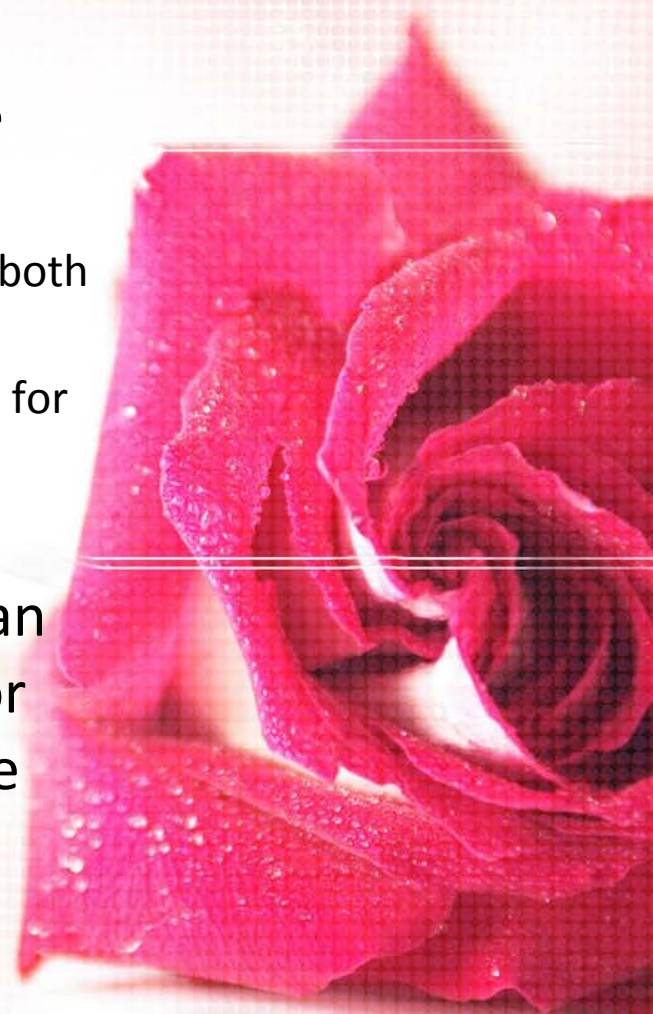
• **Information you will need with you:**

- *Picture ID that includes full names*
- *Social Security numbers*
- *Permanent addresses*
- *Date and place of birth (town or city, county, state or country)*
- *Complete names of parents, including the maiden name of the mother*
- *Birthplaces of father and mother*
- *The marriage license fee is \$50.00.*
 - The license will be valid for thirty days and can be used anywhere in the state of Utah during that time by someone with the legal right to perform marriages.



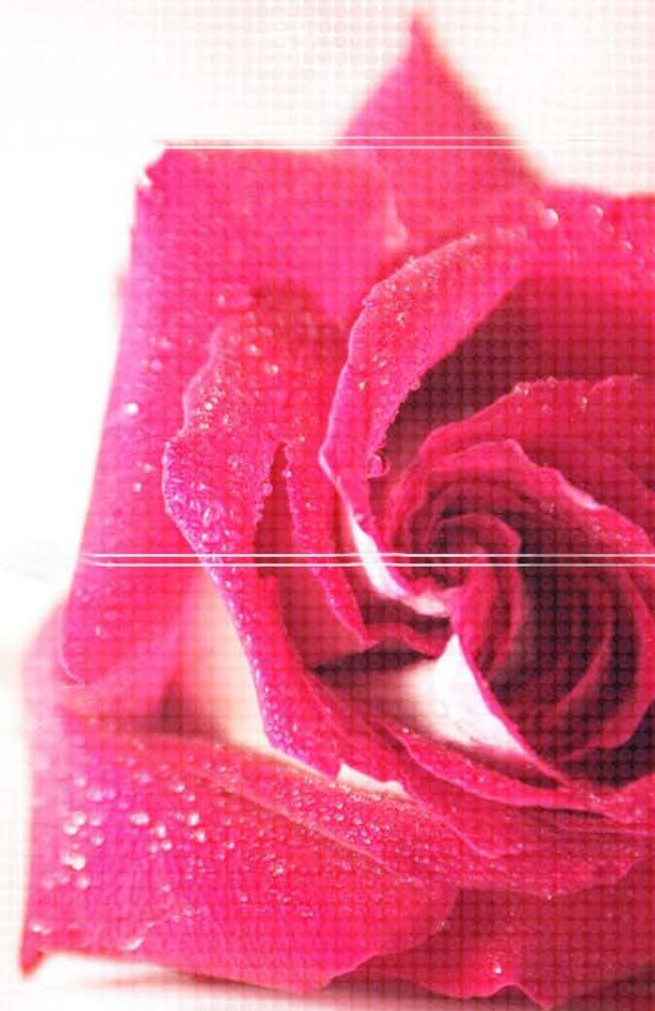
Who pays for that?

- Traditionally who pays for what is as follows on the next few slides HOWEVER . . .
 - “Anything goes” is becoming more the rule than the exception.
 - Often wedding expenses are shared evenly by both families.
 - Sometimes the bride and groom may even pay for everything themselves
- If everyone involved agrees on paying for the wedding in the traditional way, you can use the following list as a starting point for your plans. Otherwise, you can modify the list by divvying up expenses in a way that suits you and your new family:



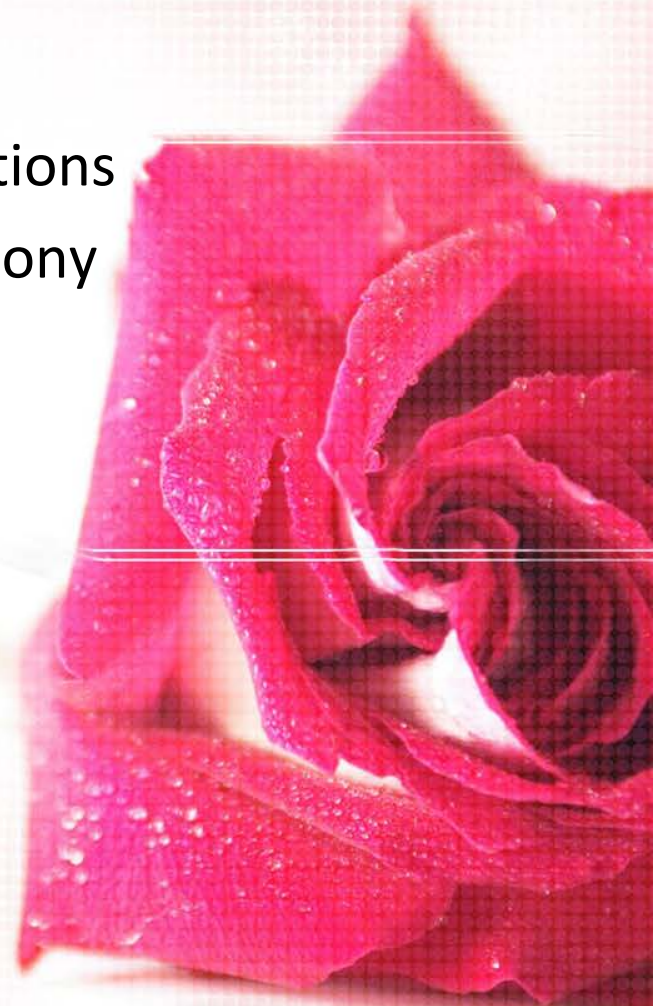
Who pays for that?

- The Bride Pays for:
 - The groom's ring
 - Gifts for Bridal Attendants
 - Personal Stationary
 - Accommodations for her out-of-town attendants
 - Physical exam



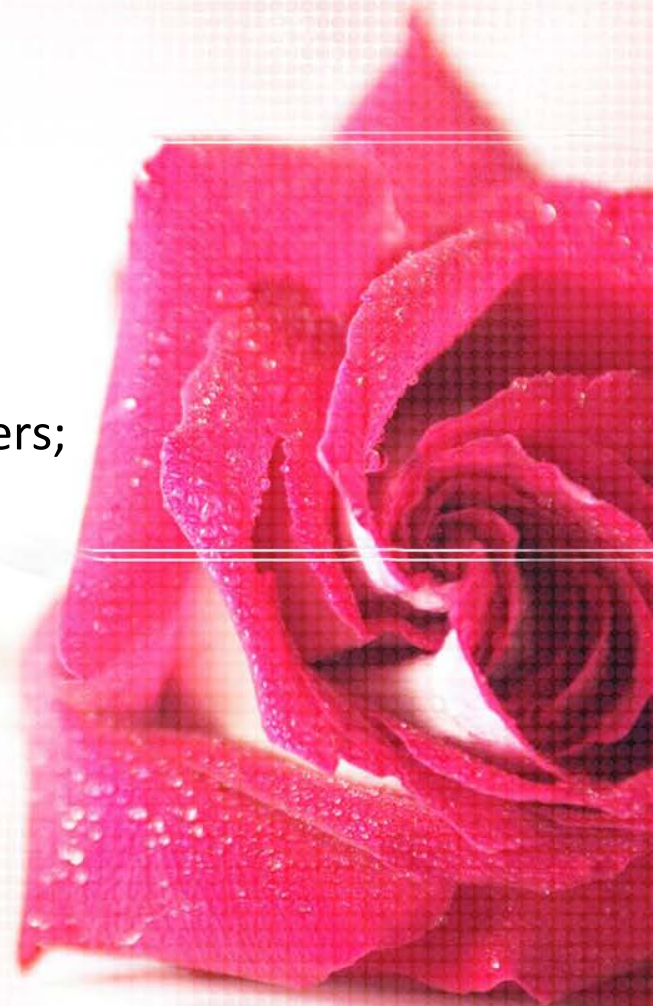
Who pays for that?

- The Bride's parents pay for:
 - Press announcements
 - Printing and Mailing of Wedding Invitations
 - Flowers and Decorations for the ceremony
 - Flowers for bride's attendants
 - The reception
 - Photographer/videographer expenses
 - Bride's gown and accessories
 - Wedding Cake
 - Wedding Stationary



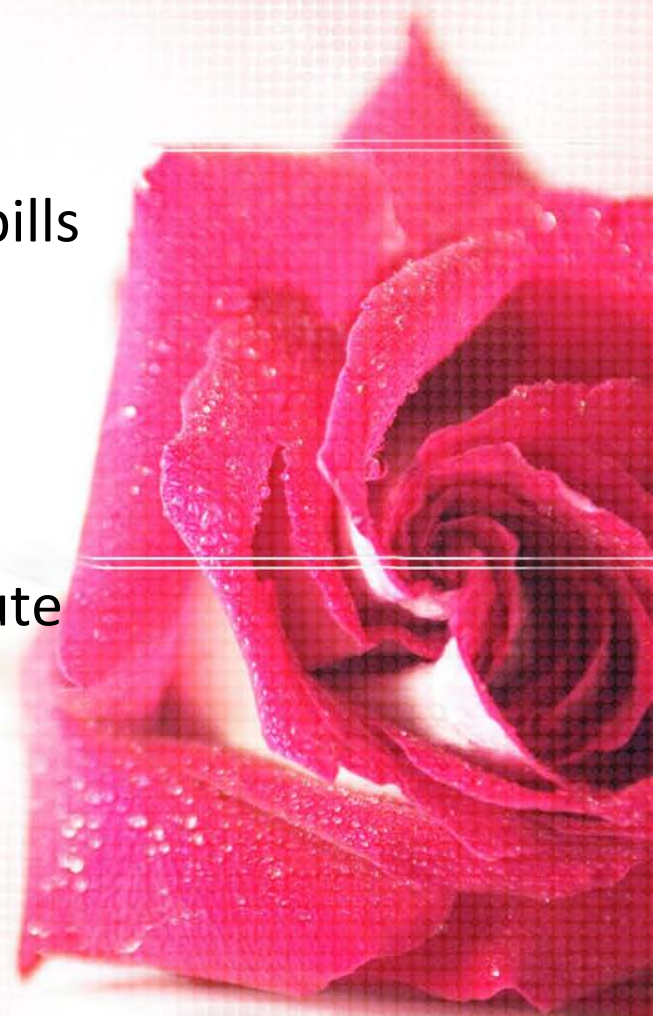
Who pays for that?

- The groom pays for:
 - Bride's ring
 - Marriage license
 - Clergy or judge's fees
 - Flowers
 - Bouquet for bride; corsage for both mothers; and boutonnieres for himself, best man, groomsmen, and both fathers
 - Gifts for best man and groomsmen
 - Accommodations for groomsmen
 - His own wedding attire
 - Honeymoon Expenses



Who pays for that?

- The groom's family pays for:
 - Clothes for the wedding
 - Their traveling expenses and/or hotel bills
 - Rehearsal dinner expenses
- Bridesmaids pay for:
 - Their own gowns and accessories
 - Although the bride may opt to contribute
- Other attendants pay for:
 - Their own wedding attire and traveling expenses



Purpose of the Honeymoon

- *Rest*
 - From the strain and exhaustion of the wedding
- *Time to be alone*
 - The couple may have had little private time together during the wedding planning process.
 - May never have as much leisure or privacy again
- *Recreation*
 - Be careful not to over-plan or over-schedule. Be flexible!
 - Go somewhere that includes things you both enjoy



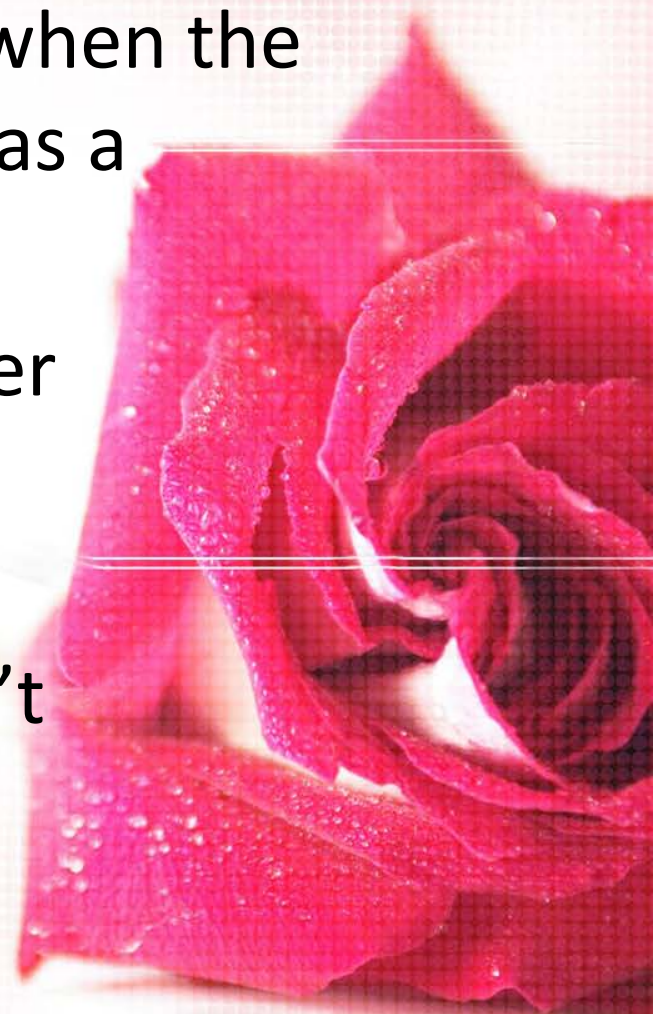
Purpose of the Honeymoon

- *Consummation of Marriage*
 - Symbol of love and commitment
- *An initial adjustment to marriage*
 - Get to know each other intimately without the self-consciousness of others watching to see how you are getting along
 - That comes when you get home



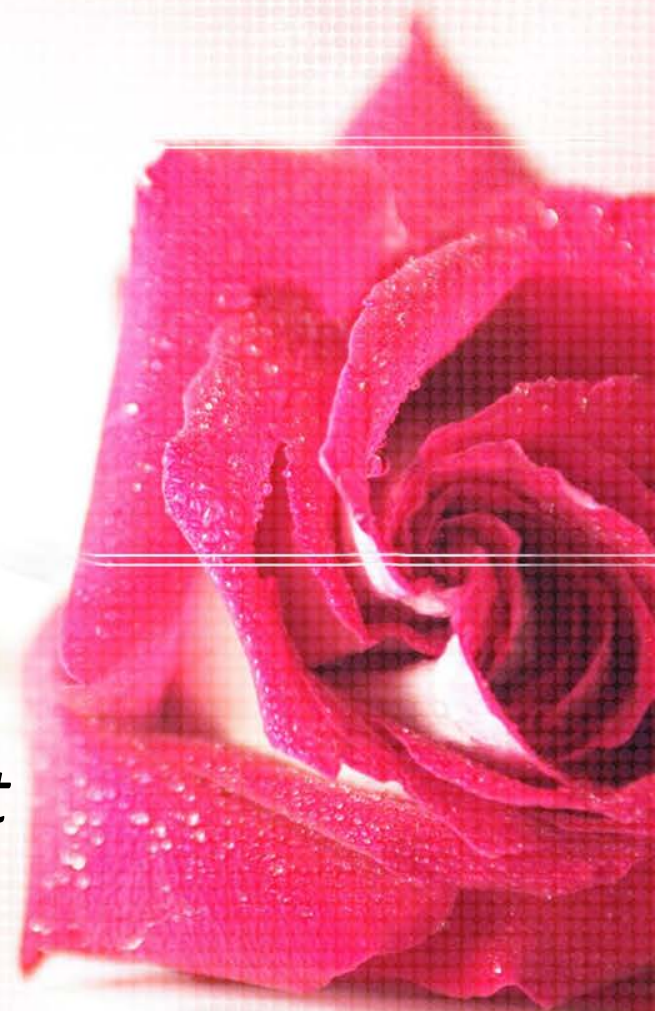
During the Honeymoon

- May be a disillusioning period when the couple begins to see the other as a real human with faults
- Need to adjust to being together 24 hours a day
- Resist the temptation to spend more than you can afford! Don't start the marriage in debt!



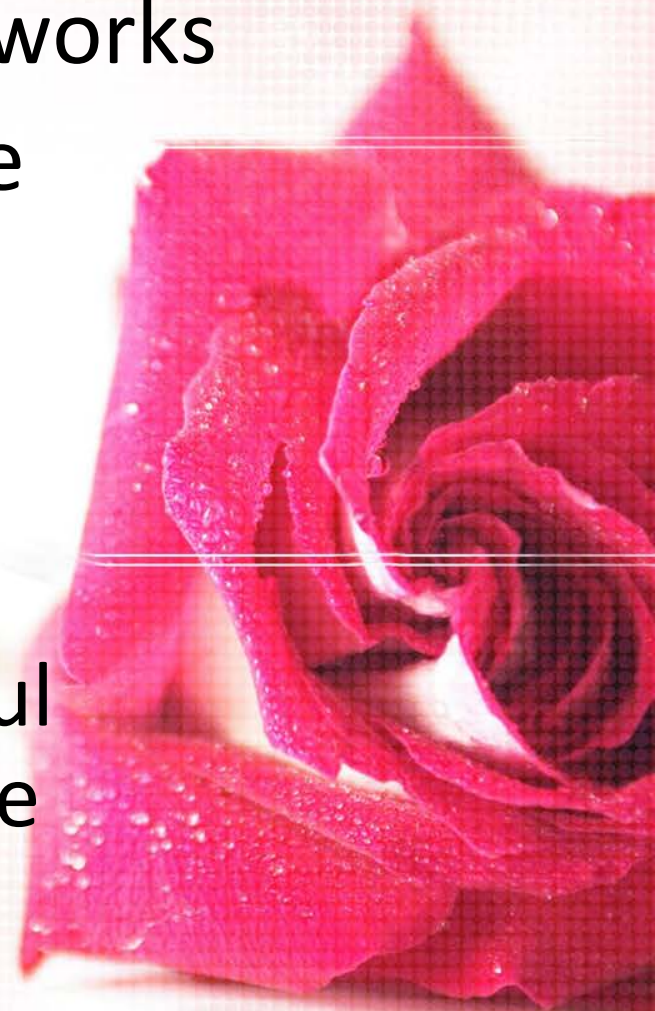
Unrealistic Expectations

- *Honeymoon may have been over glamorized*
- *Nationwide survey indicates that 50% of couples did not enjoy there honeymoon*
- *Wedding experts report that those most unhappy are girls who have not left home, except for a few short trips*



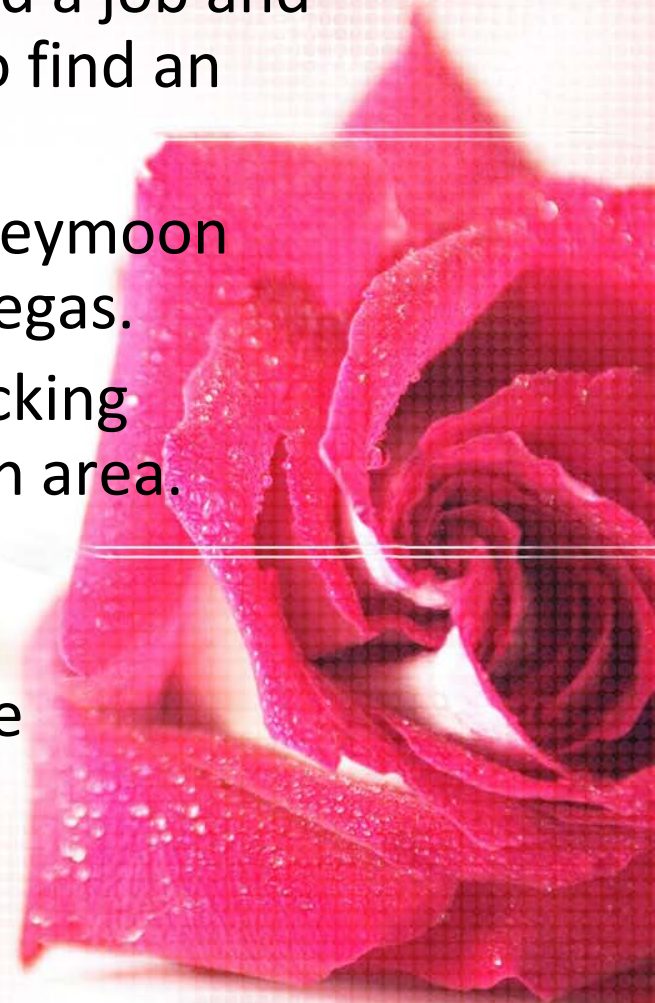
Realistic Expectations

- Don't expect thrills and fireworks
- A honeymoon should be the beginning of a process of sharing a life and building an enduring relationship
- Patience & Understanding are key words for a successful honeymoon . . . and marriage



Honeymoon Plans

- Natalie and Jason are planning a honeymoon in Pittsburg. While they are there Jason will try to find a job and Natalie will do some shopping and try to find an apartment
- Julie and Mike are meeting another honeymoon couple and will spend four days in Las Vegas.
- Matt and Wendy are planning a backpacking honeymoon in a secluded Southern Utah area.
- Brian and Susan have planned a week in LA for their honeymoon, but have no definite plans for what they will do while they are there.



Consider This . . .

- Besides worrying about cost, where to go, what to do, how long you will be gone, etc. . .

*–Don't forget your **SENSE OF HUMOR***

- There are bound to be embarrassing and funny mishaps on a honeymoon

