



How to Choose Your Wedding Officiant

A Checklist

...To help make sure you find the right Officiant,
Not just any Officiant
For Your Wedding Ceremony

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1. How long has the Celebrant been officiating weddings?
 Less than a year 1-5 years 6-15 years Over 15 years
2. Decide if you want a Personalized ceremony, Uber unique, Traditional
 Can the Officiant help you make the most out of whichever focus you prefer? Yes No
3. Does your potential Officiant have planning resources (vows, readings, ceremonies) you can use or are you expected to bring your own preferences to the table? Yes No
4. Do you want help with resources or are you okay doing your own research? Yes No
5. How much time do YOU want to spend in the process of planning your wedding with your Officiant?
 Less than an hour 1-2 hours As long as it takes None past initial hiring
6. Notice how many questions he or she asks you about YOU and what you and your fiancé value. The better the Officiant knows you and what you believe in, the more personal your ceremony will be, if “customized and personal” is what you’re looking for.
 The officiant seemed very interested in us
 The officiant was more interested in our hiring him or her than in us (Go no further)
7. Ask the officiant if s/he will mention anything about the issues that are important to you. Examples: the value of commitment, family, communication, growing in your relationship, balancing each other, joy, creativity, your secular, spiritual or religious affiliation.
 Yes No Other _____
8. God: Does s/he have a religious affiliation? Is s/he spiritual rather than religious? Is s/he open to not mentioning God? Must mention God/Father/Lord?
 Religious Spiritual Okay with no mention of God Must mention
9. If something happens to the Officiant on the day of your wedding, will he or she help find a replacement, or what is your recourse? Has s/he ever missed a wedding? Been late? What happened as a result?
 Will help find replacement Has missed a wedding Has been late

This Officiant is Right for Us Not our style We’ll keep Looking

Remember the idiom, “*If you think it’s expensive to hire a professional, wait until you hire an amateur.*” This is true spiritually and emotionally, also.