

Marriage Means Family with More Than Two Members?

When it comes to marriage, what do you think of? Love? A lifetime commitment? Or, a heavy responsibility? In these days, the married young generation chooses not to have children while their parents still insist that it is an obligation to have children. This stirs up endless conflicts between the two generations and makes the young under enormous stress.

The reason for the existence of such a conflict is that the two parties perceive marriage from different angles. Being married, the old generations find it necessary to have children since marriage is but a responsibility for the family's continuation. In the past, the only function of marriage was to expand the family's network. The bigger is a family, the better it is. That's why older people prefer to have children once they get married. But for most youngsters in today's society, marriage is merely an affair between spouses, but not among the entire family. Such a lifelong commitment bases on the couple's love instead of the family's decision. They reckon they have their own right to opt for having children or not. This discrepancy in the views of marriage sparks numerous conflicts, therefore.

What's more, the changing of society causes this conflict as well. The social status of women was far lower than that of men. Women were only considered "reproductive machines". So, if females did not have any children, they were worthless then. Against this backdrop, it is a wonder that women in order generation see having children an obligation. On contrary, the female nowadays are independent and gain respects from fields other than their single roles in family. Due to this changing social status of ladies, the elder and younger generations view the responsibility of owning kids so differently.

Having children or not is a headache in family. Yet, the points of view of young spouses are preferable for following reasons.

Marriage should only be an affair between a husband and wife, but not among a family. It is understandable for some to regard it as a family's affair as it links two different families together and the structure of the family would soon be reformed. However, the fact is just the couples having to bear the responsibility of marriage. Therefore the two youngsters have their own right to decide whether bearing kids or not. It is absurd for their parents to force them to do something they are reluctant to fulfill.

Besides, it is wise for young couples to evaluate the situation instead of bearing children blindly. In such a hustle and bustle society, many couples rarely have time to settle themselves. Not to mention taking care of their kids, they even fail to take a proper rest and share romance with their partners. If they blindly have children, who will be able to raise the children and spend much time and care on the little? The young couples have such a decision from one perspective of children. This view is more rational, as a result.

In addition, not having children means the couples could spare more time on work and pursue their dreams and careers, especially for the mires. In past few decades, women ought to stay home and be the home maker. This hampers them to gain working skills and establishment in society. But today's ambitious smaller-aged women focus on their own career. They climb up the social ladder and accomplish much more than their elder counterparts. It is reasonable for them not to have children. Everyone has the right to choose the life's path. Why not permit young wives to follow their dreams and do whatever they are willing to? And above all, their husbands agree not to have any children. It's perfectly fine for them to enjoy their married lives with only two people.

In a nutshell, the conflict of such an issue grounds on different perspectives on marriage and every changing social status of women. The young is free to make their own choice as marriage, at its root, involves only two people.