

## **Bridesmaids** **Matthew 25:1-13**

Bridesmaids are typically some of the bride's closest friends and/or family members, and the role they play is significant throughout both the planning process and the wedding day. The main role of a bridesmaid is to assist the Maid of Honor with her big wedding-planning duties and offer additional help to the bride as needed. But the list of bridesmaid duties doesn't end there. They are all responsible for so many other pieces that go into planning and executing the bride's dream wedding.

The list of bridesmaids' responsibilities includes:

- Emotionally supporting the bride at all times throughout the wedding planning and ceremony.
- Assisting the Maid of Honor in planning and paying for the bridal shower and bachelorette party, and of course, assisting the Maid of Honor throughout the wedding day.
- Attending all pre-wedding events, like the engagement party, wedding shower, Bachelorette party, rehearsal, rehearsal dinner, etc.
- Running necessary errands during wedding planning, at pre-ceremony events, and even on the day of the wedding, if needed.
- Keeping a record of gifts at the bridal shower so the bride knows who to thank for what.
- Working with the bride and Maid of Honor to help address, seal, and stamp bridal shower thank-you cards.
- Offering extra hands in making items for the wedding, such as DIY favors, place cards, etc.
- Purchasing their own gowns and accessories, including shoes, jewelry, and undergarments. Bridesmaids are also responsible for attending all fittings for their dresses.
- Helping the bride get ready the morning of the wedding: double-checking her hair, straightening her veil, making sure she does not miss any accessories.
- Assisting with decorating at all and any events: engagement parties, bridal showers, reception venues, church, or ceremony sites, etc.
- Coordinating any day-of communications with vendors, guests, etc.  
Walking down the aisle and standing in the receiving line.
- Organizing wedding gifts and keeping them in a safe place throughout the day/night.  
Attending to wedding guests and encouraging dancing and interactions among them.
- Staying at the reception until it ends and helping with packing gifts, gathering centerpieces, etc.

Those who follow Jesus also have a list of responsibilities. We are to trust God with all that we are, pray continuously, study God's word to seek God's will in our lives. We are called as Methodists to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. How we do that

would be too lengthy to list. Are we ready, are we seeking to grow in our faith and introduce others to Christ. May we seek to actively serve God for the glory of God's kingdom here on earth.

God bless,

Pastor Barbara