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[Reported by Tirmidhi]

"A Woman is married for four reasons: her property, lineage, beauty and religion. You should better marry the religious one otherwise you will lose".

[Reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

Anas reported that the dowry given to Umm Salim when marrying Abu Talha is his embracing Islam.

[Reported by Al-Nasa'i]

Adulterers only marry each other

Qur'anic verses:

{The adulterer cannot have sexual relations with any but an adulteress or an idolatress,¹¹ and the adulteress, none can have sexual relations with her but an adulterer or an idolator; to the believers such thing is forbidden.}

Beware of Outer Appearance

Qur'anic verses:

{When you look at them, their bodies please thee; and when they speak, thou listen to their words. They are as (worthless as

¹¹ Imam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal (may Allah have mercy on him) holds that it is forbidden for a Muslim to marry a whore unless she repents to Allah. The marriage contract is only valid after her repentance. Similarly, it is also forbidden for a Muslim woman to marry a whoremaster unless he repents to Allah.

hollow) pieces of timber propped up,}
[Al-Munafiqun: 4]

Prophetic Hadiths:

"A man passed by Allah Messenger (pbuh) and Allah's Messenger (pbuh) asked (his companions), What do you say about this (man)? They replied, If he asks for a lady's hand, he ought to be given her in marriage; and if he intercedes (for someone) his intercession should be accepted; and if he speaks, he should be listened to. Allah's Messenger (pbuh) kept silent and then a man from among the poor Muslims passed by, and Allah's Messenger (pbuh) asked (them), What do you say about this man? They replied, If he asks for a lady's hand in marriage, he does not deserve to be married; and if he intercedes (for someone) his intercession should not be accepted; and if he speaks, he should not be listened to. Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said, This poor man is better than so many of the first as filling the earth.

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

Looking at One's Prospective Partner

Prophetic Hadiths:

Al-Mughira reports that when he got engaged to a woman the Prophet (pbuh) says, "Look at her, for it is more likely to create affection and consent between you."

[Narrated by At- Tirmidhi and An-Nasa'i]

Jabir reports the Prophet (pbuh) to have