

## *Photographer Questions:*

*Before you decide, interview several photographers.*

*Ask to see examples of their work. Remember the album you'll see is a composite of many weddings and his best work. Keep these questions in mind while reviewing their albums:*

*Do all the pictures look alike?*

*Are all the poses traditional?*

*Are any pictures taken at bad angles?*

*Do backgrounds detract from the pictures?*

*Did the photographer capture emotions or personal style of the bride & groom?*

*Is the work creative?*

*How much attention is paid to details? Look for bouquets held at poor angles.*

*In-group pictures are all the arms and hands positioned well? Are all the men's jackets buttoned?*

*Consider if the photographer's style matches your personalities. A reliable expert with a good reputation may not take the type of pictures you prefer.*

*You'll spend a good part of the day working closely with the photographer.*

*Hire someone you like personally. Animosity between the two of you may create upsetting distractions or a failure to communicate your preferences.*

*Ask if the person you meet with in the studio will be the one who will actually take pictures at your wedding. Also inquire*

*whether they will bring  
an assistant.*

*Ask to meet this person to be sure you will like  
working with them as well.*

### *Questions for your photographer*

*Are you available on my wedding date?*

*Are you familiar with the ceremony and reception  
locations?*

*Do you have a brochure outlining your policies and  
packages?*

*Will we be asked to sign a contract?*

*What does the package price include? (Proofs, number  
of wedding prints, album,  
engagement picture,  
bridal portrait, etc.)*

*What types of albums do you offer? Costs?*

*How much will extra prints cost?*

*How many rolls of film will you shoot?*

*How many hours does this package include?*

*Does the clock start when you leave your studio?*

*Are there any extra charges for assistants?*

*How many proofs will there be?*

*How long do you keep the negatives? How long will I  
be able to order  
additional prints?*

*When are payments due? (Typically 50% is required at  
time of booking and the  
balance at the time of  
proof selection.)*

*Is the deposit refundable?*

*Who select the final pictures, the photographer or the  
bride & groom?*

*How long after the wedding will my proofs be ready?  
How long after we select our proofs will we receive the  
albums?*

### *Photography Checklist*

*In the excitement of your wedding day it can be easy  
to forget certain shots.*

*Don't trust these to memory. Before the wedding go  
through the list below and  
check the shots you absolutely must have.*

*Note which shots you want prior to the ceremony,  
during the ceremony and after  
the ceremony.*

*Note which shots should be casual and which posed.*

*Note any special lighting effects you want.*

*Note where shots will be taken! (In the church, outside,  
at the reception hall)*

*Not all shots listed here are required and if there are  
other shots you want, go ahead. It's your wedding!*

*Provide the photographer with this list  
before the wedding day so he will know how to plan  
the shooting schedule.*

### *Suggested shots:*

*Bride finishing makeup*

*Bride with bouquet*

*Bride's mother or maid of honor helping put on the veil*

*Bride*

*Groom*

*Bride with mother*

*Bride with father*

*Bride with both parents*

*Bride with grandparents*

*Bride with her family*  
*Bride with children in the wedding*  
*Bride: full length portrait*  
*Bride with bridesmaids*  
*Bride with groomsmen*  
*Bride with maid of honor*  
*Bride leaving home*  
*Bride arriving at the church*  
*Bride getting dressed*  
*Groom getting dressed*  
*Ushers getting boutonnieres*  
*Groom with his parents/step-parents*  
*Groom with his father/step-father*  
*Groom with his mother/step-mother*  
*Groom with grandparents*  
*Groom with children in the wedding*  
*Groom with groomsmen*  
*Groom with Bridesmaids*  
*Groom with best man*  
*Groom with officiant*  
*Signing the marriage certificate*  
*Guests outside the church*  
*Usher escorting guests*  
*Usher/Groom seating bride's mother/step-parents*  
*Usher/Groom seating groom's parents/step-parents*  
*Soloist*  
*Organist*  
*Groom and attendants at altar*  
*Bride coming down the aisle*  
*Giving away ceremony*  
*Unity candle ceremony*  
*Bride and Groom with minister*  
*Exchange of vows*  
*Ring ceremony*  
*Presenting roses to mothers*  
*Kneeling in prayer*

*Kiss*  
*Bride and groom recessional*  
*Attendants recessional*  
*Parents' recessional*  
*Bride & groom with family members*  
*Bride and groom leaving church*  
*Bride and groom together, posed*  
*Bride and groom with entire wedding party*  
*Bride and groom with his parents/family*  
*Bride and groom with her parents/family*  
*Bride and groom with both sets of parents*  
*Bride and groom with attendants*  
*Bride and groom with female attendants*  
*Bride and groom with male attendants*  
*Bride and groom with children in the wedding*  
*Bride and groom with children*  
*Bride and groom in vehicle*  
*Receiving line*  
*Bride and groom entering reception hall*  
*Buffet table*  
*Decorations*  
*Toasts*  
*The wedding cake*  
*Cutting the cake*  
*Serve cake to bride*  
*Serve cake to groom*  
*Bride and groom at head table*  
*Parents at family table*  
*Bride and groom dancing*  
*Bride and her father dancing*  
*Groom and his mother dancing*  
*The musicians*  
*Bride and groom with guests*  
*Guest book signing*  
*Garter toss*  
*Bouquet toss*

*Bride preparing to leave*  
*Groom preparing to leave*  
*Good by hugs to parents*  
*Departure*  
*Tossing rice/ bubbles/rose petals.*  
*Good bye wave*