

# Quality Ceremonies with Style & Sensitivity

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There's the old adage - timing is everything. I don't know who first said that, but isn't it just so true? In a wedding ceremony, timing is extremely important in a number of ways. Let me try to explain what I mean.

Firstly you have to make sure the invitations go out in a timely manner. I'll leave that up to you to decide how far in advance you organize the making or printing of the invitations, and the mailing of them. What is important, in my mind, is the time printed on the invitations. Just imagine your guests all turning up at the same time your limo pulls into the drive-way of the chapel. Wouldn't that be a bit of a hiccup and cause a dilemma you could well do without? Do you get out of the car, and start to line up the aisle in your sights, ready for your slow walk down it? Or do you be kind to your guests let them get organised and take their seat, all the while slowly simmering because "they are late"? Maybe this situation could be avoided.

When making your invitations in whatever manner you choose, either by professionally getting them printed, or you making them yourself, make sure the time printed on them gives your guests time to arrive PRIOR to your intended ceremony time. So, in other words, tell your guests to arrive at least 15 minutes before you intend to start the actual ceremony. That way, you're being kind to your guests as they won't be embarrassed when they turn up the same time you do, plus you'll save yourself the anxiety you'll feel if you see your guests trying to scurry into the chapel as you drive up.

The next important matter I'd like to discuss is positioning. Positioning is everything in a wedding.

Where to position the bridal party to give full effect to the ceremony? It's a flexible topic and can change dependent on the type of ceremony, be it formal and traditional, or casual and laidback. Positioning also depends on the number of people in your wedding party and one thing I always consider when writing and planning a ceremony is how to make sure your bridal party are all going to fit in the space we have available. Sometimes, it is a bit tricky as some venues just don't lend themselves to a large bridal party, but by considering this aspect beforehand, we can always find a solution.

Just a little hint - always remember to have a discussion about the positioning of your bridal party prior to your wedding day. It helps ensure the special people you've chosen to be your attendants are given the recognition they deserve by making them feel comfortable and included in your ceremony.

### Superstitions

Did you know

- ♥ The dropping of petals in front of the bride makes sure that the newly weds will have many chances to have children.
- ♥ Make sure you carry your horseshoe open-end up - otherwise all the luck will run out.
- ♥ The throwing of confetti or rice at a wedding comes from times long ago and infers fertility for the happy couple.

Thanks for reading

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