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Family Principles

- 1. Make decisions tentatively until you find out who else in the family expects to be involved.**
- 2. Know when you are just talking and when you have decided something. If you are not sitting down and discussing the matter, it's probably not a decision.**
- 3. When there is conflict, blood talks to blood.**
- 4. Prepare your fiancé and each others families for the quirks and odd customs of the other family.**
- 5. Do not mock the ways of your in-laws, strange though they may be.**
- 6. You can't change your parents or your in-laws; they are like the weather. Focus on decisions to be made, not on their attitudes and feelings.**
- 7. Some people act out of character and just plain strange during wedding planning. There is usually an underlying reason.**
- 8. Don't let anyone blackmail you with threats to boycott the wedding or withdraw their support; move ahead and let them make their own decisions.**
- 9. Since impossible people are predictable in their bad behavior, plan accordingly rather than being surprised and outraged.**