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Photographer Questions - Knowing What to Ask your Vendors:

Photography for your wedding is certainly one of the most important decisions you will make. When the wedding is over the photographs and video are likely the only physical things that you have that captured the day. Deciding which photographer and potentially videographer is certainly worth putting the time and effort forth for.

The first area of importance with photography and videography is that you actually enjoy being around the person / people you hire for this category. If the photographer has a voice that irritates you or reminds you of your third grade teacher (that you did not really like very much at all) then you are better off deciding to go with a different vendor. These vendors spend the most time with you on your wedding day and ultimately you do not want your irritation to come through in the photography.

Different Photographers and Videographers have a wide range of packages. Some will bill based on the number of hours that you are requesting. Some have a predetermined number of hours and different Wedding album packages (how many albums and how many photos in each album will vary the price). Some offer free engagement photos with booking your wedding with them. And some photographers will offer you unlimited hours for the day of the wedding and their pricing will vary based completely on the number of albums and how many photos in each album. When comparing photographers and pricing it is important to be sure that you are comparing apples to apples.

Beyond the price in photography there is the individual style of the photographer. Almost all photographers will provide you with pictorial time line of your day. Some photographers will be more artistic with the photography while others will concentrate on capturing each of the events to the fullest. Obviously, this is something that each couple must decide on their own which style is their preference.

Additional Questions it is important to Ask you Photographer:

- Will they be the photographer at your wedding or do they substitute out if multiple weddings book for the same day?
- Do they have a back up plan in the event they are ill or unable to be there for an unforeseen reason?
- Do they have a second shooter? Many photographers will bring an assistant or second shooter so that they are able to capture multiple angles of important shots. Also so they are able to photograph multiple things happening in separate areas (Men getting ready before ceremony & women getting ready before the ceremony).
- On average, how long will it be before you see proofs of the wedding photography?
- On average, how long will it be before you receive your wedding album after you have reviewed the proofs and selected the photographs for your album?
- If the photographer charges by the hour or has a predetermined number of hours with their package – are you able to extend the time day of if you would like to? If so, what is the overtime rate?
- Who has the rights to the photos. Please be aware that in most cases photographers will keep the rights to their photography. This does mean that they are able to use your photographs in future advertisements. This does not present a problem for most brides and grooms but if you are someone that is a very private person – it is something that you should be aware of.