

Should We Adopt? Will I Love Them?

1. Consider the Reason:
 - ~Why are you considering adoption?
 - ~Is it because you and your spouse are infertile and want a family?
 - ~Or perhaps you have biological children, but want to give an orphan a home?
2. Consider the Costs:
 - ~How would adopting change your life?
 - ~If married, how would it change your marriage?
 - ~If you already have children, how would it affect them?
 - ~Are you willing to accept the unique challenges many adoptees face, such as the empty feeling of not knowing where he belongs, or wondering why she was abandoned?
 - ~Are you willing to patiently work through any bonding difficulties your adopted child may have, as well as any developmental delays, in some cases?
 - ~ Do you have the support you will need?
 - ~Are you willing to sacrifice the money it would cost?
3. Consider the Fears:
 - ~Will I be able to love this child as I would my own?
 - ~Will my child prefer the biological parents later in life?
 - ~Will my child ever bond completely, or feel that you are his real parent?
 - ~How will we deal with unknown health issues?
 - ~What if the biological parents change their minds?
 - ~Will the community accept transracial families?
 - ~Will I get the help I need?
4. Consider Your Choices:
 - ~What age and gender would you consider?
 - ~Would you prefer to adopt domestically or internationally?
 - ~ If domestic, would you prefer an open or closed adoption (having contact with the birth parents, or not)?
 - ~How do you feel about having a child who may look a lot different from you and the questions and comments that will bring?
 - ~Would you be interested in fostering to adopt?
 - ~Would you consider a special needs adoption

If you have any other questions, please contact me at embracingchildadoption@gmail.com or visit my website www.embracingchildadoption.com. To connect with other disciples who have adopted, visit the Facebook page "Forever Families".