

Things Your Guests Notice That You Don't

When you're *the* couple, the wedding day can feel like a blur. You're focused on the vows, the photos, the food, and making it through the schedule. But your guests? They pick up on little details you don't even realize. Here are a few things guests always notice (and often talk about later):

1. The Start Time

If your ceremony starts late, your guests definitely feel it. Ten minutes late- not too bad. Thirty minutes late? They'll remember. A good director can keep you on schedule.

2. The Sound

Guests may not catch every word of your vows—but if they can't hear *any* of the ceremony, they'll definitely notice. Make sure the person on the back row can hear. A mic may be necessary.

3. The Flow

Guests pick up on whether your ceremony feels smooth and intentional—or if it's choppy and confusing. That's where a good officiant (hi, that's me) makes all the difference.

4. The Vibe

They notice if you're stressed, stiff, or rushing through it. They also notice if you're relaxed, laughing, and genuinely enjoying the moment. I know, easier said than done. Having a ceremony plan you feel good about and what's going to happen will help a lot.

5. The Phones

If half your guests are taking selfies while you say "I do," it shows. Many couples don't notice until they see the photos later. Even if phones don't bother you, they might bother other guests and I can assure you they bother the photographer.

6. The Personal Touches

Guests love when your ceremony reflects *you*: personal vows, a funny story, or even just the way you look at each other. Those are the details they remember.

Here's the truth: You'll be in your own beautiful bubble on your wedding day, and that's how it should be. But if you want your guests to walk away saying, "*That was such a great ceremony,*" focus on the flow, the sound, and those little touches of personality.

