

# P—Freedom Teams—Adoption—DID YOU KNOW (3)

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1	2	<p>DID YOU KNOW...</p> <p>...Lucrece Bundy, adoption attorney, encourages a prayerful beginning to the adoption journey—what is the call of God, what is God saying?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “Pray and trust God...God is actually the Author of everything; He’s in everything. And so, if you know that God has called you to adopt then it behooves you to pray and ask Him, right, and trust Him along the way...to really put God at the center of your adoption journey...He will actually direct your steps...”</li> <li>2. Youtube: “Ready to Adopt? 10 Must-Know Tips for Newbie Parents”</li> <li>3. Time: 5:17 to 6:10</li> </ol>
2	2	<p>DID YOU KNOW...</p> <p>...There are multiple types of adoption.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lucrece Bundy, adoption attorney, lists the following types of adoption: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Newborn Adoption</li> <li>b. International Adoption—in a different country</li> <li>c. Kinship/Relative Adoption—the parents are unable, unavailable</li> <li>d. Stepparent Adoption</li> <li>e. Foster Care Adoption <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Adopting when parents’ rights are terminated</li> <li>ii. You can find these children in each of the state’s “Heart Gallery,” type in to find children in your state, i.e. “Massachusetts Heart Gallery.”</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Youtube: “Adoption 101: Your Most Comprehensive Guide to Adoption.”</li> <li>3. Time: 1:31 to 3:45</li> </ol>
3	2	<p>DID YOU KNOW...</p> <p>...There are different steps depending on the type of adoption you choose.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Steps for adopting depend on the type of adoption: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There are some general, national rules.</li> <li>b. Newborn Adoption <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. There are multiple avenues for newborn adoption.</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. International Adoption <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. One must select an agency that works within the country from which you want to adopt.</li> </ol> </li> <li>d. Foster Care Adoption <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. You must become licensed as a foster parent.</li> <li>ii. You pick a child you want to adopt.</li> <li>iii. Each state has its own specifics.</li> </ol> </li> <li>e. Etc.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Youtube: “Adoption 101: Your Most Comprehensive Guide to Adoption.”</li> <li>3. Time: 3:46 to 5:43</li> </ol>
4	2	<p>DID YOU KNOW...</p> <p>...Lucrece Bundy recommends that the parents begin by deciding what type of adoption they want.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “If you are not sure what step you want to take yet, which type of adoption you want to do, and you start your home study and you throw money at an agency or a professional, you’re probably going to</li> </ol>

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		<p>be losing thousands of dollars, so it's really really important to take the time to really choose the type of adoption that's right for your family before you start doing anything else, because you'll save a lot of time, you'll save a lot of money, and you save yourself a lot of heartache.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Youtube: "Adoption 101: Your Most Comprehensive Guide to Adoption."</li> <li>3. Time: 6:00 to 6:33</li> </ol>
5	2	<p>DID YOU KNOW... ...Emotions are a key consideration in the adoption process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "One of the things that you should really ask yourself and talk about with your spouse is are you emotionally ready for this. Really. A lot of families are coming from infertility...sometimes there's not that time that families give themselves to actually grieve the process of infertility, the trauma of infertility I should say....the emotional turmoil...You really want to be ready for adoption because it comes with its own set of emotional roller coaster."</li> <li>2. Youtube: "Adoption 101: Your Most Comprehensive Guide to Adoption."</li> <li>3. Time: 6:50 to 7:29</li> </ol>
6	2	<p>DID YOU KNOW... ...Financial planning is a key consideration in the adoption process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Are you able to actually afford adoption? That goes back to the question that I..., to what I said earlier, about the very first thing that you have to settle in your mind, the type of adoption that you want to do will determine finances. So, once you have decided the type of adoption, you'll have a clear idea of how much money you will be spending on the adoption. If you're doing foster care adoption, for example, there's little to no money involved because the state pays for the cost of adoption..."</li> <li>2. Youtube: Adoption 101: Your Most Comprehensive Guide to Adoption."</li> <li>3. Time: 7:29 to 8:11</li> </ol>
7	2	<p>DID YOU KNOW... ...A key consideration is to have a realistic timeline for adoption.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Another key consideration for you as a first-time adoptive parent is timeline, how long should I actually expect this to take me. I tell all first-time hopeful adoptive parents to give yourself at least a year, at least a year, if not two, so you have the right expectations of the process...if you're thinking that you're going to adopt within three, four, six months, then you emotionally give up..."</li> <li>2. Youtube: Adoption 101: Your Most Comprehensive Guide to Adoption."</li> <li>3. Time 8:11 to 9:52</li> </ol>
8	2	<p>DID YOU KNOW... ...Legal realities is a key consideration in the adoption process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Another key consideration for you as a first-time adoptive parent are the legal aspects of the adoption process...I think adoptive parents don't realize how much legally needs to happen..."</li> <li>2. Youtube: "Adoption 101: Your Most Comprehensive Guide to Adoption."</li> <li>3. Time: 9:53 to 10:45</li> </ol>
9	2	<p>DID YOU KNOW... ...Each family needs its own best level of support.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "...You want to choose the professional you're gonna work with based on the level of support that you need."</li> <li>2. Youtube: "Ready to Adopt? 10 Must-Know Tips for Newbie Parents."</li> </ol>

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		3. Time: 1:22 to 2:03
10	2	<p>DID YOU KNOW...</p> <p>...Sometimes choosing an older child is the best option for the family.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “What you need to know:” <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There are over 100,000 “older” children in America waiting to be adopted.</li> <li>b. “Older children” means 5 years and older.</li> <li>c. Older children want to be adopted.</li> <li>d. “Special needs” can just mean they are older, or they are part of sibling group, or of a certain racial background.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Youtube: Adopting Older Children   What You Need to Know.”</li> </ol>
11	2	<p>DID YOU KNOW...</p> <p>...There are about 36 waiting families for every one child who is placed for adoption.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “Some sources estimate that there are about 2 million couples currently waiting to adopt in the United States—which means there are as many as 36 waiting families for every one child who is placed for adoption.”</li> <li>2. Americanadoptions.com “How many Couples are Waiting to Adopt a Baby?” paragraph 3</li> <li>3. <a href="http://www.americanadoptions.com/pregnant/waiting_adoptive_families">www.americanadoptions.com/pregnant/waiting_adoptive_families</a></li> </ol>
12		<p>DID YOU KNOW...</p> <p>...There is a Christian attorney who has many videos and ways to support parents who want to adopt.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.lbundylaw.com">www.lbundylaw.com</a></li> <li>2. Youtube channel: Lucrece Bundy</li> </ol>