



Woman To Woman

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In order to get a spouse you must first date to get to know the person you're planning to marry. If you're a Christian you should always have someone accompany you on your date.

As a Christian you're taking precautions to make sure you don't let your emotions dominate your spirit. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. God's idea for sexual gratification is for married couples. Sometimes being in a closed, dark and romantic environment will cause you to let your guard down. So in order to be safe, you should date with other couples or have someone accompany you on your date.

If you decide you want to date alone, have your date take you to a place with great lighting and plenty of people around.

Honor your body at all times. There shouldn't be kissing and fondling. This will lead to sexual gratification; and don't think you can handle the kissing and fondling without giving up your most prize possession.

Want to know what type of man your dating prior to the date. Let your date suggest the restaurant. If his suggestion is McDonald's, Burger King, White Castle or any fast food restaurant, you may want to think again about dating this person.

Watch and listen to your date's body language, it will tell you a lot about the person. Don't be so engrossed by their facial or body features until you get into the mind, heart and spirit.

DATING AND MARRIAGE

Things to look for in your date. Check the eyes of your date while you're out in public. If his eyes are always roaming, there will be trouble later on in the relationship and marriage. If a man cannot respect you while he's in your presence around other women, you don't need him for a date or a spouse.

Does your date interact with other people easily or is it like pulling a good tooth?

Is your date a person with a wishbone or a backbone? Will he take the initiative of being responsible for the things that need to be taken care of, or will he always rely on you to do it for him? If so, he's a bad choice for a date and marriage.

On a spiritual note, does your date ever talk about God, and if so, is it in a positive or negative

tone? If you're a Christian you want to hear him talk about God every now and then.

If you have been in a bad relationship or marriage, do not take your baggage into your next relationship. Wait until God has healed your heart and emotions before seeking to date or marry someone else.

Many marriages have been destroyed because the wife or husband did not get rid of the baggage they were carrying, they didn't wait until they were healed.

Baggage will not only cause you to destroy a good relationship, but it will also stop you from spiritual growth, because you're holding on to what someone said or did to you rather than letting it go and receiving healing for the soul. You cannot feel God or hear from Him when your emotions are going everywhere.

UNEQUALLY YOKED

We can be unequally yoked whether we're a Christian or an unbeliever. Before marrying someone you need to know whether or not you're compatible, if not, it will cause trouble in the marriage at a later date. Christians should only marry another Christian not an unbeliever according to the Bible; and if the person is a "baby" Christian and you are a "mature" Christian this also can cause

problems in your marriage. Know who you are marrying before you say I do.

Are you and your future spouse equally educated? Is your financial status equal?

Are you a people person and they aren't? Do you like to go different places and they don't? These are just a few things you need to look for before you marry. If you see

things in this person that brings concerns to you, you need to address the problem prior to marrying. Don't think they will change after you have been married. Many women have come to a rude awakening thinking that way.

God is the only one that can change people and even then the person must have a desire to want to be changed.

COUNSELLING BEFORE MARRIAGE

Marriage is something most women desire whether they are young or old; and because of this, sometimes they don't take the extra precaution prior to saying I do.

Marriage is something God has ordained, its not to be taken lightly. Marriage is to be between one man and woman until one of them dies.

Rushing into marriage without knowing the person's background can cause unnecessary pain later. Marrying without first seeking counseling is not wise. The Bible teaches "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety".

Godly marriage counselors will direct you in the way of the Bible and they will also see attributes about your future spouse that you don't see.

Keep in mind not only are you marrying your future spouse,

but his family comes with the package. Does your future spouse or his relatives have a drug, alcohol, or gambling addiction?

Is there a mental disorder or retardation, physical or emotional disorder in the family? All this needs to be taken in consideration due to the fact your children will not only receive you and your spouses genes, but they will also receive characteristics of his family.

Are there strongholds in his family such as different diseases or poverty? You don't want this to be carried on to the next generation.

Receive godly counseling prior to marriage, if not, you most likely will be sadly seeking counseling after marriage.

If you're a Christian, introduce your future spouse to

your pastor. Remember he or she is your spiritual father or mother. Follow the instructions given by them, they can see much further than you can, if they are truly a man or woman of God.

Before and after marriage invite God into your marriage. Submit your marriage to Him and He will lead both of you through your marriage and other areas of your life.

Pray and ask God if this is the person He has sent you. Keep in mind Satan will send you a counterfeit to keep you from receiving the blessing God has for you. You want the blessing of God to be in and upon your marriage. When we marry the person God has for us, it automatically comes with a blessing. Ask God to help you see and hear Him through the eyes and heart of God. Know who you are marrying!