

THE SELECTION OF A LIFE-TIME MATE

1. Falling in love is not always rational. People often marry when judgment is null and void. It is important therefore, to absorb principles of application of the Word of God before you become emotionally involved.
2. Don't marry an unbeliever.
 - A. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."
3. Don't marry in immaturity, while you are too young.
4. Don't marry on a wave of libido.
5. Do not marry simply to fulfill sexual desires. Sex is not love. It is only one of the many manifestations of love. Love is a mental attitude, AGAPE love. Out of this comes a rapport love, PHILEO love. When you magnify sex out of its proper perspective, you ignore the following:
 - A. Spiritual compatibility and/or the Divine Viewpoint of life.
 - B. Economic compatibility, the agreement of how money should be handled.
 - C. Recreation compatibility.
 - D. Mental compatibility.
6. Don't marry because of social pressures.
 - A. "I will never have another chance."
 - B. Pregnancy.
 - C. To solve problems.
7. Do not marry a divorced person, except under doctrinal conditions.
8. Do not marry to acquire a status symbol, or to improve economic situations in life.
9. Do not marry with the attitude, "if things don't work out, you can easily get out of it." Marriage is a Divine Institution.
10. Do not marry a person because they are sympathetic to you in a stress period, "any port in the storm" concept.
11. Do not marry a person who is a neurotic, a gambling addict, a jealous person, an alcoholic, a drug addict, or an egotist, who also would not make a good mate.

12. Women should not marry until they understand the principle that in marriage they lose their freedom. A woman must be careful to surrender her volition to a man who will cherish it, not abuse it. She must realize that she is surrendering both her body and her soul to one man, as long as they both shall live.
13. A man must be willing to assume leadership and should be careful to find a woman with the proper mental attitude.

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