

Relationship Hack




DISCERNING A LIFE PARTNER



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The primary purpose of dating is to build friendships that help us discern the right partner. One of the most important principles for successful dating is to get to know the other person by following the proper progression of spirit, soul, and body. A couple should first understand where they stand in matters that concerns the spirit. The second is to understand their soulical dimension, their interests, life purpose, emotional makeup and stability.



After they have become friends at the first two levels that is spiritual and soulful, they can now move to the third level which is physical. At this physical level healthy boundaries must be set in order not to abuse it. This progression of spirit, soul, and body is the ticket to a fruitful, satisfying and successful relationship.



**To discern
appropriately the
following questions
must be asked.**



Is He/She A Christian?

It is not just a matter of denomination but has he/she entered into a relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and personal saviour. Is he/she growing in that relationship. Is it evident in their lives.

What Is My Goal. It is important that we answer this question before we get involved in a serious relationship, because dating and marriage are directly related to God's purpose in and for our lives.



Does He/She Have Self Control?

Is he/she in control of his/she temper, emotions, passions, and behaviors. Does he/she exhibit discipline and moderation in all things? Is he/she careful about money? Can he/she control is sexual drive?



Is There Harmony At Home?

Anyone we consider dating or marrying should be on generally good terms with his/her own family. How does he/she get along with parents and siblings? Family relations might not be perfect, but a deep rift of division or an abundance of anger, bitterness, or hostility are certainly warning flags.



Is It The proper Time?

We should never enter marriage until we are confident that we are in God's will concerning the timing. God will not choose our mates for us , but if we ask him, He will reveal when the timing is right to marry the person we have chosen. As a believer we should yield our right to date and marry to God. Don't shortchange your education and your dreams by getting married too soon.



What Is My Gift?

What do I have that I could contribute to this person? This involves the conscious decision of yielding our rights to date and marry to God. When you are ready for marriage, you will know it in an inner knowing that has no conflicts. If you apply this questions and principles discussed, you will know when you have found the person you want to spend the rest of your life with.