

# FINDING THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE

## Relationship Goals: Part 1

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*“The LORD God said, “It isn’t good for the man to live alone. I need to make a suitable partner for him.”” (Genesis 2:18, CEV)*

## PRE-REQS FOR CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP

### 1. YOU MUST HAVE BIOLOGICAL COMPATIBILITY.

*“As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.”” (Ephesians 5:31, NLT)*

#### **BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE**

A biblical marriage is the covenantal union of one man with one woman for life.

*“Marriage should be honored by all...” (Hebrews 13:4, NIV84)*

### 2. YOU MUST HAVE SPIRITUAL COMPATIBILITY.

*“Do not be mismatched with unbelievers. Can right and wrong be partners? Can light have anything in common with darkness? Can Christ agree with the devil? Can a believer share life with an unbeliever?” (2 Corinthians 6:14–15, HCSB/GW)*

*“...I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.” (Romans 1:12, NCV)*

### 3. YOU MUST HAVE DIRECTIONAL COMPATIBILITY.

*“Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?” (Amos 3:3, NLT)*

*“Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, partners in a heavenly calling...” (Hebrews 3:1, NET)*

### 4. IT HELPS TO HAVE PERSONAL COMPATIBILITY.

*“Are you immature? Learn to be mature. Are you foolish? Learn to have sense.” (Proverbs 8:5, GNB)*

*“So let’s agree to use all our energy in getting along with each other...” (Romans 14:19, The Message)*

## IF YOU WANT TO FIND THE RIGHT MARRIAGE PARTNER

1. Make Jesus the [FIRST LOVE](#) of your life.
2. Don't date until your own [EMOTIONAL WOUNDS](#) have been healed!
3. Commit to God's [STANDARDS](#) in a partner.
4. Clarify your [LIFE DIRECTION](#) first!
5. [GO SLOW](#). Find out all you can about a person & *their family!*
6. Get [PREMARITAL](#) counseling.

### **ACTION STEPS:**

**RELATIONSHIP GOALS READING PLAN  
RE-ENGAGE WITH YOUR SMALL GROUP!**

### **RECOMMENDED RESOURCES**

- Strobel, Lee & Leslie. Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage.  
Smalley, Michael & Amy. Don't Date Naked.  
Cloud, Dr. Henry. How To Get A Date Worth Keeping.  
Morgan, Hayley and Lookadoo, Justin. Dateable: Are You? Are They?  
Warren, Neil Clark. Two Dates or Less: How to Know if Someone is Worth Pursuing.  
Warren, Neil Clark. Finding the Love of Your Life.