

**The Choice of a Lifetime**  
Family Matters – Part 7  
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*“Godly people are careful about the friends they choose. (Proverbs 12:26, NIV)”*

**Marriage Myths**

- **GOD CHOOSES FOR ME**
- **THERE IS ONLY ONE RIGHT PERSON**

**What to Look For In a Potential Spouse**

**1. WE MUST HAVE SPIRITUAL UNITY**

*“Stop forming inappropriate relationships with unbelievers. Can right and wrong be partners? Can light have anything in common with darkness? ... Can a believer share life with an unbeliever?” (2 Corinthians 6:14–15, 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)*

**2. WE MUST HAVE LIFE PURPOSE COMPATIBILITY.**

*“Do two people walk hand in hand if they aren’t going to the same place?” (Amos 3:3, The Message)*

*“We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus for the good works which God has already designated to make up our way of life.” (Ephesians 2:10, NJB)*

**3. WE MUST BOTH BE EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY.**

*“If you try to find intimacy with another person before achieving a sense of wholeness on your own, all your relationships become an attempt to complete yourself.” Les Parrott*

**Partial Check List of Emotional Health**

✓ **NO UNCONTROLLED ANGER**

*“Do not make friends with one who gives way to anger, make no one quick-tempered a companion of yours,” (Proverbs 22:24, NJB)*

✓ **NO ADDITCIONS**

*“Don’t associate with people who drink too much wine or stuff themselves with food.” (Proverbs 23:20, GNB)*

✓ **NO BITTERNESS**

*“Be sure that no one misses God’s grace. See to it that a bitter plant doesn’t grow up. If it does, it will cause trouble. And it will pollute many people.” (Hebrews 12:15, NIRV)*

✓ **NO SELFISHNESS.**

*“Selfish people cause trouble.” (Proverbs 28:25, CEV)*

*“People who do not get along with others are interested only in themselves; they will disagree with what everyone else knows is right.” (Proverbs 18:1, GNB)*

✓ **NO GREEDINESS**

*“Anyone who always wants more brings trouble to his family. (Proverbs 15:27, NIRV)*

*“Don’t eat with people who are stingy; don’t desire their delicacies.” (Proverbs 23:6, NLT)*

✓ **GENEROUS AND KIND**

*“Generosity will be rewarded: Give a cup of water, and you will receive a cup of water in return.” (Proverbs 11:25, CEV)*

✓ **TRUTHFUL.**

*“A righteous person lives on the basis of his integrity. Blessed are his children after he is gone.” (Proverbs 20:7, GW)*

**Ending a Dead End Dating Relationship**

*“Honest correction is appreciated more than flattery.” (Proverbs 28:23, CEV)*

**LAST THOUGHT**

**God wants me to CHOOSE WISELY**

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.

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