

Finding the Love of Your Life

Awesome Relationships – Part 4

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“Marriage should be honored by everyone . . .” Hebrews 13:4

1. Find the love of your life to conquer any loneliness you may have.

“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion who is right for him.”
Genesis 2:18

2. *“God, not you, made marriage. His Spirit inhabits even the smallest details of marriage. And what does he want from marriage? Godly children from your union. So guard the spirit of marriage within you.”*
Malachi 2:15

3. You don’t have to get married! Almost none of our early Christian leaders (Jesus, Paul, virtually all of the apostles except for Peter) were married.

4. But, what a phenomenal experience it is when you get married to the right person—perhaps after years of searching.

The Bible is full of strategies for finding the person of your dreams.

5. The single most important thing is getting yourself into the right relationship with God before you do anything else.

Then you will have the big question answered, and you will know exactly who you are and what you are looking for.

6. The 5 Don’ts of finding the right marriage partner:

- a. Don’t get married too quickly
- b. Don’t get married at too young an age
- c. Don’t get married to please someone else . . . including the person you might marry
- d. Don’t get married to anyone if your experience base with them is too narrow
- e. Don’t get married to anyone who has an unaddressed personality problem

7. Figure out right now the 20 most important qualities you want in a marriage partner and the 20 most important qualities you can’t stand in a partner.

8. Similarities are like money in the bank.

9. Make sure there is chemistry, but don’t give chemistry too big a role to play.

Chemistry is just one of our 29 important dimensions, but without it most marriages can’t make it.

10. So, start right at the center of yourself. Get right with your maker. Get right with yourself. Don’t discount how hard it is to find the love of your life.