



Some Concerns in Choosing Your Date

The first thing we need to deal with is perspective. No matter how *wonderful* he may be ladies, or how gorgeous she is guys; you must *always* bear in mind, priority number one is not the *gift*, its the *Giver*: Jesus Christ.

Here are some serious questions and spiritual concerns for a date, or even a prospective date, and I'm going to challenge you to consider very closely and carefully the answers you find. Why, you say? Because Proverbs 18:15 tells us, that **“The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.”**

Q What is the objective of your life, the single-minded focus? Any other answer besides “the execution of God’s plan and purpose, and the glorification of Jesus Christ,” is *wrong*! Psalm 42:1-2 say’s, **“As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God?”**

Q.Do you see any semblance of spiritual maturity or any application of God’s Word in their life? Wise King Solomon told his son, to **“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight,”** Proverbs 3:5-6. In his Sermon on the Mount Jesus told his fellow Israelites, **“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied,”** Matthew 5:6.

Q Do you ever hear principles of doctrine, promises, prayer, anything about Christ? In Matthew 4:4 the Lord Jesus Christ said, **“...It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’”** Paul instructed Timothy, and every other believer who would go on to read these words, to **“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.”**

Q Do they have problems with authority? Are they rebellious, arrogant, hateful? Why does any believer, adult or teenager, submit to authority? For one reason-- because God designed systems of authority for the Angelic Conflict; and to submit, in humility, *glorifies Him!*

Q Who are their friends? Observe the friends of someone you date. 1 Corinthians 15:33 say’s, **“Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company corrupts good morals.’”**

Q Are they self-centered? Stay away from the self-centered, they serve only the OSN. In Romans 6:17-18 Paul say’s, **“But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed [sound doctrine], and having been freed from sin [/ domination of / OSN], you became slaves of righteousness.”** Though they have been freed from its power to dominate and control them, the egocentric, self-absorbed believer is still a slave to the OSN.

Q Do you see integrity? Integrity is simply ‘consistency of character.’ Christian integrity will build a wall around your family.

Q Does this person show regard and respect for others, or for the legitimate laws and authority?

Q Are hiding anything from you? Be discerning enough to notice the little things. This doesn't mean nit-picking but simply honest evaluation from divine viewpoint.

Q How do they handle financial responsibility? Do they waste every dollar they earn or do they ever earn any money to begin with? Better consider it.

Q Does this person display thoughtfulness and care towards others

Q Do they have manners; do they ever think of anyone but self or are they thoughtless toward others?

Q How does this person dress? Are they neat, clean?

Q Do they finish what they start? Are they quitters? Quitters never win, and winners *never* quit!

Q Are they cruel toward animals?

Q Do they have a healthy sense of humor? Laughter will keep you from going insane!

Q Do they have self-discipline-- the spiritual strength to persevere and endure through adversity? Paul wrote to the Corinthians in 9:25-27 of his 1st letter concerning this very thing. He said, that **"...everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then {do it} to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as *not* without aim [we have a goal-- *spiritual maturity*; the upward path of growth, character, service and reward]; I box in such a way, as *not* beating the air; but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified."**

Q Does this person complain and find fault with everything? Grace is the attitude of *gratitude*.

Q Are they violent or hostile in attitude?

Q How do they take criticism? Are they overly sensitive, do they fall apart every time someone corrects them or makes a suggestion?

Q Do they have self-respect and spiritual self esteem? I.e., a clear understanding of who and what they are in the plan of God-- bond slaves to Jesus Christ-- Royal Priests, Ambassadors and Ministers.

Q Would this person make a great friend for life?

Love is being able to give up what you want so others don't get hurt. Love means never doubting anything. It means trusting and being honest with each other. In courtship, my life is for me but my heart is for you. In marriage, my heart is for you and my life is for the two of us.

Woman dreaming, desire nothing but monogamy, Man delights in variety, enjoy the sin of polygamy. Love is a woman's moon and sun, a fantasy world. Man has seek more fun, behinds bushes and walls. Woman lives only for him but man never satisfied, Count to ten and man is bored, in hurry to find..Another one, promising all the same lies he told each one of them, woman think of this now, Before he make you believe another sweet lie!