

Title: finding your life partner
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The appointed time

Song of Solomon 2:7

I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or by the does of the field, do not stir up nor awaken love until it pleases.

- Something very special about being single (just you and God)
- Being desperate is not attractive
- Don't settle for second best because of fear.
- God knows your taste, He created you, trust in Him

How do you know?

There must be a natural connection

- You must like the guy/girl
- There must be a physical attraction

There must be spiritual confirmation (if you have relationship with God)

- Proverbs 3:6 "... in all your ways acknowledge Him..." – if God is your best friend, you need His opinion.
- You need confirmation from God, even if it is just the peace of God.

Friendship is the foundation

- Friendship is the basis
- The person must be your best friend for the rest of your life, physical attraction is not enough.
- You must be able to be yourself around the person.
- Ask yourself: Could I enjoy spending time with this person if we abstained from physical contact?

Does the person inspire you to seek the Lord/grow in the Lord?

- Does a friendship move you closer to God or further away from the Lord
- Is the person passionate about God?

Spend time with guys/girls in a group –

- see how they pray, how they serve, how they treat family & friends

Do not be unequally yoked

- The most healthy marriages are those in which there is a strong foundation of similarities in background, temperament, goals, dreams, values, and the way in which individuals managed and ordered their physical and mental lives.

What do your family and friends say?

- Be accountable, don't isolate yourself
- Do not ignore warning signs
 - Abuse: physical, emotional, verbal, sexual
 - Addictions
 - Unfaithful early in relationship

Take it slow – time brings clarity

- Be friends for as long as possible