

Title: Two Halves don't make a Whole
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Assumptions

a: God is into relationships

Genesis 2:18, 24

¹⁸And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him...*" ²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

²²*He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.*

Proverbs 18:22

b: You want to do it right – the Godly way

c: You want to be the best possible husband / wife

Acts 18:35

³⁵"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

d: Every relationship asks one question

e: Everybody is somebody's spouse

1: The right time

Ecclesiastes 3:1-7

¹To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: ²A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck *what is* planted; ³A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; ⁴A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; ⁵A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; ⁷A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; ⁸A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.

Song of Solomon 8:4 (2:7, 3:5)

⁴I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases.

Song of Solomon 8:4 (The Message)

⁴Oh, let me warn you, sisters in Jerusalem: Don't excite love, don't stir it up, until the time is ripe—and you're ready.

Jeremiah 17:9

⁹"The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?

2: Guard your heart

Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV)

²³Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23 (The Message)

²³Keep vigilant watch over your heart; *that's* where life starts.

Spreuke 4:23

²³Bewaak jou hart meer as alles wat bewaar moet word, want daaruit is die oorsprong van die lewe.

- *“Kuier” without giving your heart away*
- *Spend time with members of the opposite sex*
- *Not every coffee date is a marriage proposal*
- *Get to know yourself and the opposite sex*
- *“Kuier” in groups*
- *Set clear physical and emotional boundaries*
- *Look after other’s hearts*

3: Look for wholeness in your partner

- *Beware “af-vlerkies”*
- *What if he / she never changes?*

Proverbs 10:22

The blessing of the LORD makes *one* rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.

4: The starting point

Matthew 6:33

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Psalms 37:4

Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.