

1. **Put God First – _____.**
God did not send His Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it (John 3:17).

2. **_____ Is The Key to Intimacy - Neglect the whole world rather than each other.**
And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul in the process? (Mark 8:36)

3. **Never bring up _____.**
Stop criticizing others or it will come back on you. If you forgive others, you will be forgiven (Luke 6:37).

4. **End The Day with _____ - Never go to sleep with an argument unsettled.**
And don't sin by letting anger gain control over you. Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry (Ephesians 4:26).

5. **At least _____, try to say something complimentary to your spouse.**
Gentle words bring life and health; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit (Proverbs 15:4).

6. **Never _____ and _____ affectionate welcome.**
Kiss me again and again, your love is sweeter than wine (Song of Solomon 1:2).

7. **_____ - "For richer or poorer"**
A bowl of soup with someone you love is better than steak with someone you hate (Proverbs 15:17).

8. **If you have a choice between making _____ or your _____ look good, choose your mate.**
Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them (Proverbs 3:27).

9. **Guard your _____ - your mate will eventually offend you.**
I am warning you, if another believer sins, rebuke him; then if he repents, forgive him. Even if he wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, forgive him (Luke 17:3, 4).

10. **_____ Don't Just _____ - Let love be your guidepost.**
Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged (1 Corinthians 13:4, 5).

7 Keys To Determining If They Are Right For you!

1) The Jesus Lovin' Person.

When a person is in love with Jesus, you can tell, because it overflows out of everything they say, and do – and impacts how they live life. (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness and self-control, which are exactly the ingredients that a good relationship is made of. Find a Jesus Lovin' mate...because they will know how to love you in return.

2.) The BFF.

Don't overlook the BFF. The person with which you can laugh with, share the same sense of humor, and have tons of things in common. Oftentimes, he's been sitting under your nose, and you didn't even know it. These kind are a great catch, because they are loyal, faithful, and true. Because they've been around for so long, what you see is what you get. And the best relationships are always built on the foundation of friendship. Don't marry anything less than a best-friend.

3.) The Responsible Factor.

Look for a person who can take care of themselves, manage finances, and prioritize time. A person who has direction in their life, will most likely also have direction in their relationships.

4.) Do They Look Good Inside and Out?

We all know that beauty runs deep. While there are many avenues to attraction, a man/woman who pays attention to his/her appearance and takes good care of his/her health is definitely moving in the right direction. So look for a guy/gal who has enough self-love to take care of looking their best on the inside as well as the outside. Remember to look deep inside for true beauty.

5.) Emotionally & Spiritually Healthy!

Healthy relationships can't exist without this piece. As you work on yourself- find a person who is also taking the time to heal, to grow, and to change into the best Christian possible. If they are not devoted to Christ, they won't be totally committed to you.

6.) Character Matters!

There are so many superficial qualities that folks tend to get caught up in. Look for: honesty, compassion, loyalty, trustworthiness, and purity they are worth more than any amount of chocolate, roses, and diamonds in the entire world.

7.) It's A Southern Thing!

I'm not just talking about opening a door or paying for meals, and carries a lady's bag. I am talking about gentleness, humility, respect, honor, and loyalty displayed in how they live and treat others. Manners do matter!

Our awkwardness about this topic is one reason single Christians make so many relationship blunders—and why many marriages start out on the wrong foot. Here is a list of most common dating mistakes. Here are the Top 10:

1. Being desperate for a relationship. Some singles freak out when they hit age 25. They stop trusting God and begin a nail-biting search for a mate.

2. Being too picky. On the flip side, some singles are waiting for the perfect human specimen to sweep them off their feet. Picky guys want a girl who could appear in the swimsuit edition of *Sports Illustrated*. Or, some Christian women expect to marry a spiritual giant who prays four hours a day. Be realistic. Whoever you date will have feet of clay and plenty of flaws to match your own.

3. Not developing healthy friendships with the opposite sex. Oftentimes too much pressure is placed on Christian singles to pair up. Relax and make friends, and don't view every opposite-sex friend as a potential marriage partner.

4. Letting other people control your relationship. Church friends usually mean well, but some people don't know how to stay out of other people's business. They will engage in what I call "prophetic meddling" by dropping hints, manipulating you to go out with someone or pushing you to marry someone you don't even want to be with.

5. Ignoring proper boundaries. Some Christian couples are extremely naïve about the power of a romantic bond. They don't realize that feelings can zoom from zero to 90 miles an hour in a few seconds, and that one kiss can lead to intercourse if you don't have your emergency brake on at all times. If you are in a dating relationship, you must know your boundaries, discuss them with your partner and commit to staying pure.

6. Missionary dating. Never start a romantic relationship with a guy or girl who is not a believer and who doesn't share your Biblical values. PERIOD!

7. Lack of healthy confidence. Some guys I know are stuck in a state of spiritual limbo when it comes to their dating life. They may admire a girl from afar, but they just can't muster up the nerve to break the ice and start a conversation. Proverbs 18:22 says, "He who *finds* a wife finds a good thing." If you are going to find a wife, you don't just sit there until you are 40. Develop some healthy aggression fellas.

8. Expecting the person you are dating to "fix" you. God wants singles to have undistracted devotion to Jesus (see 1 Cor. 7:35). Yet too often we look to other people to bring the inner fulfillment that only Christ gives.

9. Spiritual stalking. I've met guys/gals in church who monitor others moves and troll their Facebook pages. That's creepy. If you have to sneak around like a private detective to get a date, you need a new strategy.

10. Not discerning a spiritual imposter. Beware of wolves. You must walk in the Spirit if you want to protect your purity and save yourself for the right person.