

## **COMPATIBILITY: CHOOSING THE RIGHT PARTNER** **Building Deep Relationships, THE GOD WAY**

**God:** *"It isn't good for the man to live alone. I [need to] make a suitable partner for him."* Genesis 2:18 (CEV)

*"If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But [people who are alone when they fall are in] real trouble."* Ecclesiastes 4:10 (NLT)

### (2) **MYTHS** about Finding a Mate

1. God chooses your mate for you - He does not - you choose.
2. There's only one single right person who was custom made for you in heaven, and that's the only right person you should marry. Not true.

## **LIFE IS ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS**

### ▪ **YOU MUST HAVE SPIRITUAL COMPATIBILITY**

*"Stop forming inappropriate relationships with unbelievers. Can right and wrong be partners? Can light have anything in common with darkness?... Can a believer share life with an unbeliever?"* 2 Corinthians 6:14-15 (GW)

*"Do not unite yourself with an unbeliever; they are no fit mates for you."* 2 Corinthians 6:14 (NEB)

*"... I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you."* Romans 1:12 (NCV)

### ▪ **YOU MUST HAVE LIFE PURPOSE COMPATIBILITY**

*"Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?"* Amos 3:3 (NLT)

*"Brothers and sisters, you are holy partners in a heavenly calling."* Hebrews 3:1a (GW)

### ▪ **IT HELPS TO HAVE PERSONAL COMPATIBILITY**

*"God works through different [people] in different ways..."* 1 Corinthians 12:6 (PHILLIPS)

**Here's the point: COMPATIBILITY is a CHOICE!**

### **It takes (3) things to have personal compatibility.**

#### I. Willingness to **ADAPT**

*"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."* Romans 12:18 (NIV)

#### II. Emotional **MATURITY**

*"Are you immature? Learn to be mature. Are you foolish? Learn to have sense."* Proverbs 8:5 (GNT)

#### III. **EFFORT!**

*"... Let's agree to use all our energy in getting along with each other. Help [each] other with encouraging words; don't drag them down by finding fault."* Romans 14:19 (MSG)

## IF YOU WANT TO FIND THE RIGHT MARRIAGE PARTNER

1. Begin a personal relationship with Christ yourself.
2. Make a commitment to God's standard in a partner.
3. Don't date until your own *emotional hurts* are healed!
4. Discover & clarify your Life Mission first!
5. Get involved in a church family with Godly Singles.
6. Go slow. Find out all you can about a person & *their family!*
7. Get premarital counseling.

Neil Clark Warren's books:

*Two Dates or Less: How to Know if Someone is Worth Pursuing*  
*Finding the Love of Your Life*

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