

A WORD TO SINGLES

Commit everything . . . to the Lord. . . and He will help you.

Psalm 37:5 NLT

When you meet that "someone special," here are 5 questions you should consider:

(1) Is the relationship based on honesty?

The Bible speaks about, "Telling each other the truth" (Eph 4:25 CEV).

Relationships thrive on openness and trust. When deceit creeps in, it's time to get truthful in a hurry, or call it quits.

(2) Can you be yourself?

Paul writes, "Each of us is an original" (Ga 5:26 TM), and "Let's . . . be what we were made to be" (Ro 12:6 TM). If you feel like you constantly need to reinvent yourself or walk on your tip-toes, you're in the wrong relationship. Wise UP! If they disapprove of you now, do you seriously think marriage will improve things?

(3) Is either of you possessive?

The Bible says, "Love is . . . never jealous" (1Co 13:4 CEV). If one of you can't make a move without the other's permission, it's a red flag, back off!

(4) Have you established physical boundaries?

If the relationship ended today would you regret your level of involvement? You may know that the Bible says, "Run . . . from sexual sin" (1Co 6:18 NLT), but do you understand why God says He made sex as a commitment specifically for marriage?

And why it can otherwise leave you feeling "used?"

(5) Do you plan your time together?

Without a specific plan it's easy to get more physically involved than you should. That's why it's good to agree LIP front as to your boundaries. Listen: "Commit everything . . . to the Lord . . . He will help you." Lasting relationships always put God first-always!

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