



MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

PRINCIPLE GUIDES TO CHOOSING A CHRISTIAN LIFE PARTNER

[Genesis 1:26-28](#); [Genesis 1:31](#); [Genesis 2:15-25](#); [Genesis 24:1-21, 56-58](#)

PRINCIPLE GUIDES:

- 1) Set your priorities right:** Have a personal, intimate and eternal relationship with God.
 - Let this govern your other priorities like work, marriage, career and such like. It should affect them and reflect in other priorities to ensure your compatibility.
 - Don't let other priorities affect this principle guide.
- 2) Let go and let God:** Allow God to do something about your marriage or choice of mate
 - Take your time, don't be in a hurry – Adam took his time. Wait for God - the voice of the Spirit of God, that is, incline your ears to hear his sayings about your choice of mate – [Proverbs 4:18-22](#).
- 3) Marriage is God's made and God's idea:** [Genesis 2:18-22](#)
 - It's normal to feel an attraction towards someone
 - What attracts you to the person may differ from some other person. You must answer this yourself - Is it the looks, personality, character, what?
- 4) Don't marry an unbeliever, no matter how morally good – 2**
[Corinthians 6:14-16](#)
 - God is against this – don't be too clever to God, and don't let God be against your marriage because it will fail. That does not mean the Christian marriage does not have its problems nor does God not acknowledged the unbelievers marriage. It's better to obey than to burn.
 - Does the person respond to Jesus or to the atmosphere your presence creates?
 - Does the person collapse the moment he/she disconnect from your presence?
 - Are you sure he/she is not probably sustained by your light, fire and dedication?
 - Are you sure he/she has a personal relationship with Jesus?
- 5) Be Sensitive** – Check them out, Watch them, don't be love struck and blinded only to open your eyes after marriage. **Open it now!**
 - How does the person respond to authority – To his/her Parents, Pastor; to Church and spiritual leadership; to governmental leadership; and much more to God and God's word; and other such like authority?
 - Any person (male/female) that murmurs against authority especially of the Christian Faith they belong to, is prone to hostility and rebellion. They have a tendency to be hostile and rebellious partners in future. They will never admit nor listen to advice or counselling.

- In [Genesis 24:1-21](#), Rebecca treated Abraham's servant well. An indication of her genuine upbringing and personal character. It painted her as kind, gentle, loving, caring and helpful.
- 6) Is there fear?** Are you afraid of the person you want to be your mate in marriage? [1 John 4:18](#)
- 7) Do you love the person?** Can you give your life; lay it down for the person?
- Agape Love is sacrificial and pure
 - Don't have a marital partner whom you are not happy and excited about
 - The proof of love is the willingness to give – consistent desire to give – your time, energy, money, gifts etc. and not how to collect or receive a return – John 3:16 (God gave because He is in love)
 - Test love with time – Emotions and feelings may change over time but genuine love won't.
- 8) You don't choose a marital partner through 'fleecing' God** – You may get fleeced yourself – There is the need to hear God's instruction - [Psalm 32:8-9](#). ***Get hold of my book on divine guidance.***
- 9) Don't allow yourself to be prophesied into marriage** - Know full well that your opinion/choice is most important. You will be the one to live the life and not the person that prophesy to you – [Genesis 24:58](#); [John 16:13-15](#); [John 14:16-17, 16](#); [Romans 8:14-16](#).
- 10) You don't just depend on dreams as your medium in choosing a marital partner.** ***Get hold of my book on divine guidance.***
- Satan can manipulate dreams and multitudes of thoughts can make a dream and such like – [Ecclesiastes 5:3, 7](#).
 - Always confirm your dream if you have one by God's word – Isaiah 8:20
- 11) Don't make sex the object of marital relationship** less it will be the vehicle to destroy it - [1 Corinthians 6:10-20 \(Living Bible\)](#)
- 12) Endeavour to marry a giver** – [Genesis 24:18-20](#)
- Givers make better lovers
 - Stingy people don't give – including love
- 13) Be prayerful** – [Genesis 24:12-14](#)
- God will always lead when you let Him
 - When you have prayed, don't be anxious
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My Scriptural Commendations:

Acts 20:32 ³² "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

Philippians 4:6-7 ⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

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