

## **How Do You Know?**

### **Part Five (Evaluation)**

Relationship planning begins when there is an independent intercessor for the relationship. Ideally, this is the same intercessor that is in the life of both, the man and the woman. In this thought, I am reminded of the components of an arbitration intercessor. In the case of arbitration, there is one party that is chosen by two sides of the arbitration, together, and there is one party, each, which is selected by the individual parties to the arbitration. I think that this leads us to the following intercessor for both: their pastor or other religious figure that accepts responsibility for both of them, as pertains to analyzing romantic potential and readiness. This leaves the individual selection. This is the best place to start that selective process.

*Ask, and it shall be given you;*

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(Matthew 7:7a)

On each side of the relationship, there is some person that has taken responsibility for the psychological and sociological well-being of the ones who are courting. Ideally, for each one, this will be their parents. In this outreach, the parent is not limited by biology; rather, the parent is linked by a strong feeling of trust.

Prior to serious courtship, it would be wise to allow the intercessor-parents to meet privately, with one another, to match the expectation of the man and the woman. Ideally, the answer of the intercessor, as to the advisability of proceeding toward romantic discovery, will be yes--within interpretation of intention. It must be assumed that you have discovered one another by passing through the procedure that was outlined by Jesus Christ . . .

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*seek, and ye shall find*

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(Matthew 7:7b)

On the human side, the interpretation may be as simple as saying, "You're both adults; you decide." It may also be as complex as saying, "Your religious beliefs are such that you cannot perform joined worship." This is much like the statement of a physician, telling you of blood type issues that will adversely affect the ability to have children.

Yes, this does mean that you, as a couple, can choose to forego having a relationship of substance with the LORD; though, this is, absolutely, not advisable. We have included that option because; we are intent on presenting a complete package, here. As overriding your liberty to practice variance; still, the best option is the one that is in conformance with the atmosphere of request (not, demand) that is presented in the following Scripture,

as directed to the Father God.

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*knock, and it shall be opened unto you:*  
(Matthew 7:7c)

Does this mean that you can, then, disregard all that we have discussed before this time? Well, actually, you can disregard anything that we discuss, but . . .

To disregard what has been discussed means that, you place your relationship, and your person, in line for the type of recompense that is described in the following Scripture, as pertains to the principles of union, which ought to be servants to you.

*And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.*

*But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.*

*And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.*

(Luke 12:42-48)

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Take the time to discuss you affections with those who have been charged, by God, to care for you. In all three portions of the intercessor, each one of them must commit its soul, and also the soul of the group, to a chief work that is subject to the weight of Scripture, of which this, here, is a chief one . . .

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*

(Ephesians 6:1-4)

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