

How to Let God Be Your Match-Maker for a Re/Marriage Made in Heaven

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1 - Question: Do you want to add someone to your life or multiple your life for God?

Tip/truth: ONLY look for someone in God's "family"

Gen 24:2-4 Abraham said to the chief servant in his household...I want you to swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living, but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac."

1 Kings 11:2 You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods.

2 Cor 6:4 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common?

Remember God's "X" multiplication factor: *If you want to be a 10 for God, ask God to lead you to someone who wants to be a 10 for Him. God is into multiplication, not addition or subtraction. 10X10 = 100X impact for God. If you want to be a 10 for God and marry someone who wants to be a 3, 4, or 5 for God, they will pull you down to their level or worse. God doesn't add in a marriage, He multiplies. It's not 1 + 1 = 2, it's 1 X 1 = 1 in His sight! Note: This marriage ultimately led to the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.*

2 - Question: Do you believe God has a plan and purpose for your life?

Tip/truth: REALIZE God can be the ultimate match-maker and He is more concerned about your marital status than you are!

Gen 24:7 Abraham said, "The Lord, the God of heaven, who brought me out of my father's household and my native land and who spoke to me and promised me on oath, saying, 'To your offspring I will give this land'—he will send his angel before you so that you can get a wife for my son from there."

Gen 2:18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper [indispensable companion] suitable for him."

Jere 29:11 I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Eph 2:10 We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

You were saved when you believed in Christ. You were changed when you realized He believes in you! Larry Voorhees

3 - Question: Are you willing to pray for God's choosing of a possible future mate in your life?

Tip/truth: Prayer must be a vital part of your life and any future relationship

Gen 34:10,12-15 Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and left...and made his way to the town of Nahor...Then he prayed, "O Lord, God of my master Abraham, give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. May it be that when I say to a girl, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too'—**let her be the one you have chosen** for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master." Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder.

4 - Question: Are you willing to keep yourself sexually/physically pure?

Tip/truth: Purity is important in God's sight and in the sight of others

Gen 24:16 The girl was very beautiful, a virgin; no man had ever lain with her.

1 Thess 4:3-5 God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor - not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways.

5 - Question: Are you looking for cute, chemistry, or character?

Tip/truth: Character trumps cute or chemistry. God's choice is someone who is kind, caring, hard working, respectful, and generous.

Gen 24:17-21 The servant hurried to meet her and said, "Please give me a little water from your jar." "Drink, my lord," she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink. After she had given him a drink, she said, "I'll draw water for your camels too, until they have finished drinking." So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels. Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the Lord had made his journey successful.

Prov 31:30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

6 - Question: Do you care how people respond to the person you're interested in?

Tip/Truth: God's leading in a relationship He has chosen will cause people to praise God

Gen 24:26 Then the man bowed down and worshiped the Lord, saying, "Praise be to the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master. As for me, the Lord has led me on the journey." **Gen 24:49-52** [After recounting the entire story, Abraham's servant said to Rebekah's family] "Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn." Laban and Bethuel answered, "This is from the Lord; we can say nothing to you one way or the other. Here is Rebekah; take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has directed." When Abraham's servant heard what they said, he bowed down to the ground before the Lord.

7 - Question: Are you willing to make major changes to be in a marriage God may have for you?

Tip/truth: Becoming 1 in God's sight will require major changes in both of your lives.

Gen 24:61-67 Then Rebekah and her maids got ready and mounted their camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left. Now Isaac...went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel and asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?" "He is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself. Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. **1 Cor 7:28** Those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. (Everyone to answer) Share your name, career field, and what was your family's religious, church, or non-church background when you were growing up?**

Questions to have 2-3 people answer and discuss as a group:

- 2. Was there something new that you learned about God and relationships tonight that was helpful?**
- 3. How is this teaching different than the average approach most people take when it comes to dating and finding a mate?**
- 4. What did you discover in this story that brought hope or encouragement to you and your future?**
- 5. What question or tip/truth did you find most challenging to consider?**
- 6. If you really took this teaching to heart, what changes could it make in your life in the future?**
- 7. If you're new, what attracted you to this group? If you've been coming for awhile, how is this group helping you?**