



# Choosing a Mate for Life

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## *Learn*

- **Wise parents provide opportunities for their children to find the right mate.**



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- **It's best to marry among the people of God**

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- Why was Rebecca so concerned?
  - She knew the influence that our mates have on us.
  - Why important? Because it causes problems with
    - Raising your children
    - Your commitment



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## ● People make mistakes

- Attracted to her beauty (Gen 29:17)
- Loved her, yet really didn't know her

# *Common mistakes*

- Marry thinking that you can change them
- Marry because of pregnancy
- Marry on the rebound
- Marry out of rebellion

# *Common mistakes*

- Marry due to social pressure
- Marry to find one's identity
- Marry because you feel sorry for the person
- Date someone that you would not marry



# *Learn*

- That in-laws are sometimes a problem (Gen. 29:24)
  - Problem of non-acceptance
  - Control
  - Hostility





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## ● RELIGIOUS

- Are they truly Christians? (Not just they go to church)

# *Truly Christians?*

- If so, they have an attitude of respect when they go to worship.
- If so, they are involved in the churches' work.
- If so, they will not be involved or try to get you involved in immoral practices.
- If so, you can share your life together in Christ (1 Pet. 3:7).

# *If they are not Christians*

- If they are not Christians, ask:
  - What is their attitude toward God, Christ and His church? Just a joke?
    - Will they go to church?
    - Are they deeply ingrained in another religion?



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## ● RELATIONSHIP

- Are you friends?

- Can you communicate?>

# *Several things we need to ask*

- Can you resolve differences without hurting or devaluing each other and without holding a grudge?
- Do you have the same basic values such as child-rearing, relations with in-laws or others?
- Do you have the same core vision for your marriage?
- Do they respect your convictions? Morality?

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## ● CHARACTER

- Are they addicted? Drugs, Alcohol, Porn, Money, self, etc.?
- Are they truthful?
- Are they respectful to teachers, parents, you and others?



# Conclusion

- What if you are in a bad relationship?
  - Revelation 2:5 (NKJV)
    - <sup>5</sup> Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and **do the first works**...