

FRIENDSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS & MARRIAGE

"LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP"

SONG OF SOLOMON 8:6, I CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

OK, OK HE OR SHE LOOKS AND SOUNDS GREAT! COULD THIS TURN INTO LOVE?? IS THIS MY LIFE'S PARTNER, OR AM I JUST INFATUATED? LET'S EXAMINE THE "CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE", ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD.

LOVE IS NOT CONTROL I COR. 13:1-5

LOVE IS NOT SEX ONLY

LOVE IS NOT COMMON LAW MARRIAGE (I COR. 6:18, HEBREWS 13:4) (ALSO SEE LEVITICUS 18:20,22,28,29, EPHESIANS 5:11-12, ROMANS 1:21-32. JUDE 1:7-8)

TRUE LOVE IS: UNSELFISH, GENEROUS, LIBERATING, IMPOSSIBLE TO "QUENCH", EVERLASTING, PATIENT, FRIENDLY, KIND, COMPASSIONATE, MUTUALLY SATISFYING (SONG OF SOLOMON 5:2, 8:6-7, PROVERBS 17:17).

DON'T ASK YOURSELF WHETHER YOU CAN LIVE WITH THE ONE YOU LOVE...

ASK YOURSELF WHETHER YOU CAN LIVE WITHOUT THEM!

QUESTION: ARE YOU "FIT TO BE TIED"? IN OTHER WORDS, IF MARRIAGE IS ON THE HORIZON, HOW ARE YOU STARTING OUT?

TIPS: 1. ACCEPT EACH OTHER THE WAY YOU ARE NOW

2. BE HONEST- GO INTO MARRIAGE KNOWING THE IMPORTANT THINGS ABOUT EACH OTHER, BUT NEVER TO THE POINT THAT YOU GIVE SEXUAL DETAILS ABOUT YOUR PAST RELATIONSHIPS

3. TRY TO GIVE YOURSELF 12 MONTHS BEFORE YOU SET THE DATE IF POSSIBLE. ANYTHING HIDDEN WILL SURELY SURFACE WITHIN THAT TIME.

4. MAKE SURE YOU ARE WHOLE YOURSELF BEFORE MARRIAGE (YOUR MATE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR HAPPINESS)