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Serious Relationship Checklist:

Here are some questions to help you evaluate if you and your dating partner are ready to move on to the next level of a serious relationship headed towards marriage.

-Are you content in your relationship with Jesus, or are you going deeper in your dating relationship to try to fill up something that is missing?

-Are you solid and mature in your relationship with Jesus so that you can love someone else unselfishly, with his/her best interests at heart?

-What is your motivation for a serious relationship?

-Have you set physical and emotional boundaries that maintain purity, written them down, and are you consistently abiding by them?

-What do your parents, church leaders, and friends say about your readiness for a serious relationship with this person?

-Do you have the time and energy right now that a serious relationship will require?

-Can you accept this person the way he/she is right now?

-Do you enjoy his/her friends?

-How does he/she treat her parents?

-Does this person handle frustration and anger in healthy ways?

-Would you like to become more like this person?

And if you feel called to ministry/the mission field:

-Have you discussed your calling with him/her?

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Six Steps to Great Dating

Many of the troubles, concerns, and problems found in dating relationships can be avoided by following these steps:

1. Date Only Committed Christians

-2 Corinthians 6:14

2. Plan Your Dates in Advance

3. Save Yourself for Marriage

-Heb 13:4

4. Work on Communication

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5. Throw out Expectations

6. Focus on Becoming the Right Person

-Matt 6:33-34