

Guys/Girls Only “Outline”

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Introductions and “Ice Breaker”

1. You can choose who you love (and there’s no ONE Mrs./Mr. Right)
2. Create a network of people who will give you wise counsel and commit to listening to them
3. Make a “list”—lots of things you COULD wish for, but what are the things you MUST have? (See the Alistair Begg list) The “non-negotiables” CANNOT be negotiated!
4. Live your single life so that you bring life and health into a future married life
 - a. Take advantage of the opportunities that your singleness offers—go WHERE and WHEN God leads you and don’t sit around
 - b. Make choices that will make your future spouse proud of you
5. Learn to be an honest “soul-searcher”—looking for and addressing your spiritual blindspots
6. Determine that you will wait on God’s timing and provision

Qualities of a Godly Spouse

On a recent Focus on the Family broadcast, “The Search for a Godly Spouse I-II,” Pastor Alistair Begg described the qualities that Christians should look for in a potential spouse (based on 1 Peter 3:1-7).

Women should look for a man who:

- a. Is committed to growing in his relationship with Jesus Christ;
- b. Is an individual of obvious integrity;
- c. Can think for himself, make good decisions, and demonstrates qualities of servant leadership;
- d. Can love sacrificially;
- e. Can laugh heartily, even at himself;
- f. Models genuine humility.

Men should look for a woman who:

- g. Has a personal faith and trust in Jesus Christ;
- h. Possesses beauty that is deeper than the skin (a gentle spirit);
- i. Is an initiative-taker with an attitude of submission;
- j. Is trustworthy and builds her husband’s confidence;
- k. Displays kindness that touches others;
- l. Has a sense of humor.

In addition to looking for a person with these qualities, singles can ensure they will be attractive to that person by developing these characteristics in themselves.

The Search for a Godly Spouse, Part 1; Alistair Begg-- <http://goo.gl/hCddw>

The Search for a Godly Spouse, Part 2; Alistair Begg-- <http://goo.gl/BVEsJ>

How to Know if You’re in Love, Part 1; Chip Ingram-- <http://goo.gl/aslJD>

How to Know if You’re in Love, Part 2; Chip Ingram-- <http://goo.gl/5GSnn>