



## FLOURISHING WITH OR FINDING THE LOVE OF MY LIFE

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### Proverbs 12:26 (NIV)

The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

### 3 Myths When it Comes to Flourishing with or Finding the Love of My Life:

- All you need is love.
- There's only one person in the world for me.
- Don't date, just wait on God.

## THE NON-NEGOTIABLES OF A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP:

**1**

Both must be believers in Christ.

### 2 Corinthians 6:14-15b (TPT)

Don't continue to team up with unbelievers in mismatched alliances, for what partnership is there between righteousness and rebellion? Who could mingle light with darkness? What harmony can there be between Christ and Satan? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

### 1 Corinthians 7:14-16 (TPT)

For the unbelieving husband has been made holy by his believing wife. And the unbelieving wife has been made holy by her believing husband by virtue of his or her sacred union to a believer. Otherwise, the children from this union would be unclean, but in fact, they are holy. But if the unbelieving spouse wants a divorce, then let it be so. In this situation the believing spouse is not bound to the marriage, for God has called us to live in peace. And wives, for all you know you could one day lead your husband to salvation. Or husbands, how do you know for sure that you could not one day lead your wife to salvation?

**Romans 1:12 (NCV)**

I mean that I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.

**2**

**Both must be compatible in purpose.**

**Amos 3:3 (NLT)**

Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?

**Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)**

For 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.

**1 Peter 4:10 (NCV)**

Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace.

**Hebrews 3:1a (GW)**

Brothers and sisters, you are holy partners in a heavenly calling.

**3**

**Both must be seeking emotional health.**

**Isaiah 26:3 (GNT)**

You, LORD, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you.

**THE "LOVE OF MY LIFE" CHECKLIST:**

**Seek a spouse or to be a spouse...**

- Who controls their temper.**

**Proverbs 22:24-25 (TPT)**

Walk away from an angry man or you'll embrace a snare in your soul by becoming bad-tempered just like him.

- Who sets good guardrails against addiction.**

**Proverbs 23:20-21 (TPT)**

Don't live in the excess of drunkenness or gluttony, or waste your life away by partying all the time, because drunkards and gluttons sweep their lives away and end up broke!

**Proverbs 28:25-27 (GNT)**

Selfishness only causes trouble. You are much better off to trust the Lord. It is foolish to follow your own opinions. Be safe, and follow the teachings of wiser people. Give to the poor and you will never be in need. If you close your eyes to the poor, many people will curse you.

□ **Who overcomes bitterness with hope!**

**Hebrews 12:15** (NLT)

Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.

**Proverbs 20:20** (TPT)

If you despise your father or mother, your life will flicker out like a lamp, extinguished into the deepest darkness.

□ **Who is motivated by love and not money.**

**Proverbs 15:27** (ICB)

A greedy person brings trouble to his family. But the person who can't be paid to do wrong will live.

**Proverbs 23:6** (TEV)

Don't eat at the table of a stingy person or be greedy for the fine food he serves.

□ **Who is defined by servicing others and generosity.**

**Proverbs 11:25-27** (TPT)

Those who live to bless others will have blessings heaped upon them, and the one who pours out his life to pour out blessings will be saturated with favor. People will curse the businessman with no ethics, but the one with a social conscience receives praise from all. Living your life seeking what is good for others brings untold favor, but those who wish evil for others will find it coming back on them.

**Proverbs 11:16-17** (TPT)

A gracious, generous woman will be honored with a splendid reputation, but the woman who hates the truth lives with disgrace and is surrounded by men who are cutthroats, only greedy for money. A man of kindness attracts favor, while a cruel man attracts nothing but trouble.

□ **Who is committed to the truth.**

**Proverbs 20:7** (NLT)

The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them.

**Proverbs 12:22** (NLT)

The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.

**Proverbs 6:2-3** (NLT)

If you have trapped yourself in an agreement [called dating] and are caught. Quick! Get out of it immediately. Swallow your pride. Go and get your name released. Don't put it off. Do it now. Don't rest until you do.

**Proverbs 28:23** (TLB)

...in the end, people appreciate frankness more than flattery.

**CONCLUSION:**

- **End any dead-end dating relationship.**
- **Get help for my struggling marriage.**

**Proverbs 11:14** (AMP)

Where there is no [wise, intelligent] guidance, the people fall [and go off course like a ship without a helm], But in the abundance of [wise and godly] counselors there is victory.

**2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 21** (NLT)

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him ... For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ