

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A POTENTIAL MATE AND DEVELOP IN YOURSELF

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1. Someone serious about being a Christian (e.g., studies the Bible, Spirit of Prophecy, and Sabbath School lesson earnestly, attends and participates in church conscientiously).
2. Someone willing to pray, study, and worship with you.
3. Someone dependable and responsible.
4. Someone taking care of business at home, school, and at work (e.g., respects his or her parents, teachers, and employers, and works hard at school and/or on the job).
5. Someone who is respectful, patient, and kind to you, and doesn't ask or pressure you to do things counter to your Christian values.
6. Someone you can easily talk to. Someone who can talk problems out with you without verbally or behaviorally abusing you, withdrawing into a shell, storming off in a rage, or denying that there is a problem.
7. Someone with an unselfish heart, who enjoys serving others, is willing to share what he or she has with you, and is open to participating in some of the activities you enjoy.
8. Someone who cares about the health of his or her body enough that he or she attempts to eat right, exercise regularly, and remain free of alcohol, caffeine, nicotine, and all other mind-altering substances. Be wary of anyone materialistic, or addicted to television or binge-watching, videos, video games, surfing the Internet, Facebook, Instagram Snap, Chat, technology, shopping, gambling, pornography, etc.
9. Someone who has some idea of his or her calling in life, and either is engaging in it or in the process of preparing for that calling.
10. Someone who accepts you as you are, but encourages you in a kind, loving, and respectful manner to be the best you can be in the Lord and to achieve your goals.
11. Someone who gets along well with others—especially his or her family.

“Therefore as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity (Colossians 3:12-14)

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