

Dealbreakers

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I've had many women confide in me, seeking ways to have better romantic relationships with men. Friends, coworkers, family, athletes that I've coached, and even strangers view my advice as illuminating. This is a dual-purpose Daily Daddy: one for fathers to keep equipping their daughters and two for women to receive keen insight into choosing sound male life partners.

People must know their deal-breakers; most of the population does not. Even the ones that claim to (I'll use women in this example) don't use that knowledge to judge men well. Yes, I said, judge! On the flip side, I've known women (in their minds) believing they're primed to be someone's wife, but their actions and speech limit them to becoming a girlfriend at best. Over a decade and a half ago, I created a self-assessment that helps identify whether the person seeking a spouse is lacking, and if their romantic choice is a proper lifemate.

Background

Identify five must-haves, or what I call 'Deal Breakers.' If a potential romantic interest does not possess these attributes, they're automatically disqualified from being your life partner, no exceptions. There are three criteria for this self-assessment:

1. The attributes you want must be closely specific to you. They cannot be something that the general public would desire. For example, I hear women say, "I want a man who is honest," as if a woman on the planet wakes up and says, "Today, I can't wait to find the most dishonest man on the planet. That's the guy for me!" Or I'll hear them say, "I want a man who can communicate and express himself maturely." Once again, there are no women who yearn for men who can't communicate and show zero emotional intelligence. It's not an issue to require these things, but they're not unique to a smaller subset of people.

2. At your 50th wedding anniversary party, your loved ones ask, "How did you make it this long?" Your response should provide strategic methods they could implement to achieve a similar outcome in their relationships.

3. You must be equally yoked. This last one is the hardest for people to grasp. You can't want someone with seasoned communication skills; yours are basic. You can't want someone to make you laugh, and you're not funny. You can't want someone to lead you spiritually, and you don't know how to follow or take the lead when necessary. You can't demand patience, and you're testy.

Your deal-breakers must fit all three criteria, or "must have" is void. In the many years of administering this assessment, the most anyone has ever come up with is 4. So, you might ask why we require 5? Well, I came up with five and found a wife, so my assessment, my rules. Any number over two would be a good way to see where you need further development. It's also a way to discern where to put people in "The 6 Classifications of Association." Want to know more? Stay tuned for the September issue. Fathers, commit this month's entry to memory and use it for yourself or, more importantly, as a conversation starter with your daughters.

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