

**UNLOCKING & UNDERSTANDING  
MYSTERIES ABOUT YOUR MATE**

**A SPIRITUAL GUIDE TO  
LOVING RELATIONSHIPS**

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## CHAPTER SIX

### A FUNNY ANALYSIS

Let me reiterate that when looking for a mate, there is absolutely no room to assume anything! Ask! As awkward as it sounds, as untrusting as it sounds, as stupid as it sounds, ask! You can use the questionnaire provided to find out what subjects to cover and what the “I love you” words might mean to them. If I were to use a hypothetical and somewhat comical analysis to advise you on how your mindset should be on this subject, I would say, when you’re thinking about serious dating and marriage, you must stay within certain guidelines. First, assume nothing (0%) and ask about everything (100%)! Consider such questions as:

- Do you have Aids?
- Are you really a male/female?
- Have you always been this sex?
- Do you want me to sign a prenuptial?
- Do you believe in bigamy?
- Are you already married?
- Are you homosexual?
- Are you bisexual?
- Where are we going to live?
- Will you take a blood test?

Do not assume anything at all! I do not care if you met them in church or not! Ask!

These days, it does not pay to foolishly throw your whole life away on a momentary sexual attraction or someone’s

assertion that they love you. Unfortunately, many times people who are bad for you use new relationships *to try* and turn over a new leaf or close the chapter on the past. It may be important for you to “rake a few leaves” and peer into their past. They may be super sexy but are they also super secretive? There is a scripture which says, “and the books were opened” (Daniel 7:10). There should be *no closed chapters* in their life until you “**take a look in that book**” and find out if they’re crazy or not!

Secondly, we should believe less than half of what is said. Unfortunately, in the dating and courtship process most people are trying to put their best foot forward. However, I feel it my duty to warn you that there is another foot back there somewhere and it just might swing around to kick you where it really hurts after you say, “I do.”

Many comments like “I like you just the way you are,” “I’m going to be rich” or “I’m going to do this or that” can be considered as uninformed or immature ambitions, hopes, dreams, aspirations, small talk, smooth talk and, yes, outright lies! You must look at a person’s performance, their actions and their character indicators and not only at their charisma. Their beauty has absolutely nothing to do with their integrity!

The third component of this hypothetical analysis is to believe seventy-five percent (75%) of their past performances. If they were abusive to Sally and Rachel, if they abandoned little Johnny and Suzy, or if they cheated on Connie, Wendy, Grace, and Ernestine, then no matter what they say, you have to give credence to their past actions. Do not ignore the signs that indicate a person’s character! Do not ignore infidelity indicators!

A person should not flirt with other people when with you. They should not have a “little black book” when engaged or married (unless it’s a Bible without phone numbers of the cuties in the church written inside) and they should not be super secretive about cell phones and whereabouts. We should

know what we're hooking up with to avoid negative surprises. Ask yourself whether or not the person seems very secretive about their past? Are they a constant subject changer or are they transparent and open about both their successes and failures in life (within reason)?

The dating process facilitates many things that may not be the actual nature or character of the person. It practically forces you to be sacrificial and polite through ceremony. **This does not mean a person possesses these qualities in the normalcy of their everyday life.** Isn't that supposed to be what dating is all about? It's about learning someone's **true character** by taking a deeper and clearer look into their heart to get an understanding of their capacity and concepts about love and marriage. Unfortunately, most people are just looking for a place to "pour out their passions" and they "aim through their attraction." This is the recipe that produces the "disasters of this present day" in relationships.

Finally, the fourth component of this analysis is to believe one hundred percent (100%) of what God reveals to you. Despite a person's words or actions, if you know God shows you something about them, you must act accordingly. **This requires a relationship with Him and spiritual discernment.** Whether it's negative or positive, believe it and make decisions based on that spiritual insight.

We need God's help in making decisions for three reasons. First, people often hide who they really are at their core. What we often meet and interact with is their official "representative" of themselves. Who they represent themselves to be is usually not who they really are or they would not have to "represent" themselves, just "be" themselves.

Second, although people present their best and hide their worst, they don't know who they really are at their core. We think that we know ourselves until we see ourselves do and say

things that surprise even us. How can people really present who they are when they often don't even know?

Lastly, we all are ever changing, growing, acting, and reacting to life's circumstances. So, even if we are trying to present a true and transparent version of ourselves to people, even if we do have a grasp on who we really are (which is rare), we are all still under construction. Children aren't the only ones changing a lot, developing, maturing, and growing. This process goes on all throughout life. What we are today is not what we were yesterday or will be tomorrow!

In relationships and life in general, this should help us refrain from being judgmental. People will and are changing! As people change, there is no guarantee they will change for the better. How many men have returned from wars both scarred externally and marred internally? Life's tests, troubles, struggles, events, and inequities force all of us to adapt in some way to what it hands us.

It is very important we all have a mental, emotional, and spiritual bedrock on which we rely to help us get better and not bitter in life. We need an avenue of guidance and strength to help us persevere and not quit on being honest, lawful, loving, and Christ-like. People that do not have these things in place are at a great disadvantage in preventing their hearts and minds from becoming marred by life's considerably difficult tests.

**We are not only marrying who they are, but who they will become.** I know they are as good as gold now, but will they change into an adulterer, a molester, a murderer or a "me-first, last and always" mate? You are not even looking at the person you will see in 10-15 years! Will they love you more, less, or not at all?

One very important aspect to look at when evaluating a mate is **what they have in their lives** to help ensure that they will be able to handle these adversities. Is it Christ? Is it their upbringing? In what do they trust to ensure they will grow and

adapt positively? **Are you satisfied with that?** Do they just “trust to luck” or do they trust in nothing at all? Are they just living life without a care or concern for foundational things such as these? Ask yourself a question: Since I have known them, are they getting bitter or better? Are they growing more positive, more spiritual, more kind or more negative?

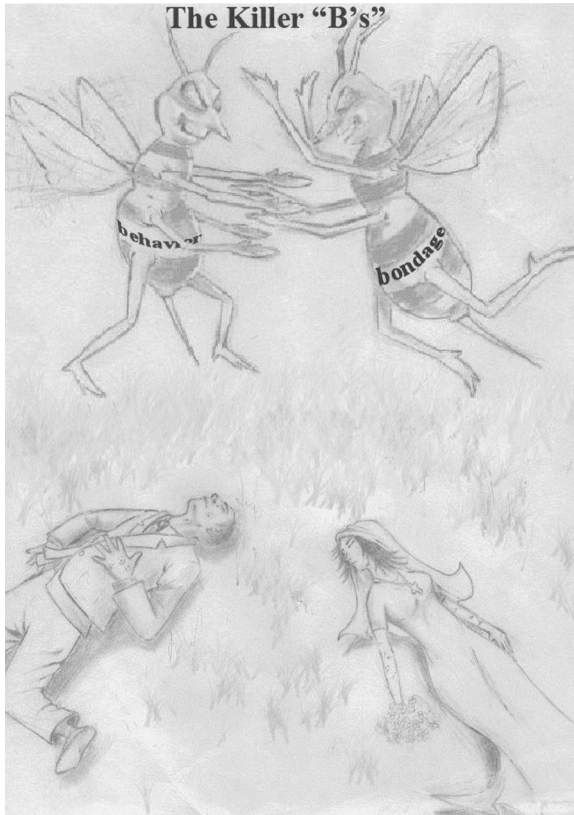
Examining these truths should help us to understand how much we need a relationship with God to help us evaluate people for relationships. Only He knows who people are at their core now and who they will grow to be as they act and react to life’s tests. Get His approval and all won’t be easy, but all will be well!

I can’t tell you how many times I’ve heard a Christian with relationship troubles say, “I knew I wasn’t supposed to be with them, the Spirit showed me \_\_\_\_\_!” Once you have a relationship with your Father God, you would be foolish not to use His knowledge, wisdom and foresight because they are critical components to your marital success. Never detest, disallow or disregard His guidance because that’s playing “Russian Roulette” with your heart. If He takes the time to show it, you need to **take the time** to use it. It is essential that you include God Almighty who knows the true character and future of everyone in your decision making process. Simply put, pray and *learn to discern!*



## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

### THE KILLER “B’S”



As previously stated, two things that are the cause for most issues in relationships are behaviors and bondages. Surprisingly, people in love and looking to get married often do not understand that loving and stable relationships require certain types of behavior. When dating, you must not only evaluate how you feel about someone, but also how they

display feelings toward you. Examining a person's behavior is critical in that evaluation!

“Love does not behave itself unseemly” as we quoted earlier from the Bible. True love does not abuse, hate, oppress, manipulate, or behave negatively. It does not act like a nut! Therefore, ask yourself if this person is capable of real love? Is this person crazy? You must not overlook the negative behaviors and bondages because these are the things that make for a tumultuous marriage.

I feel somewhat stupid in having to write these next points but, given my experience in counseling couples, I must! When deciding whether or not to marry someone, **do not ignore insanity!** Singles, do not allow yourselves to be drawn by devilish character! When we are drawn by devilish character, we are destined for drama! A woman won't like the “tough guy” or “rough neck” so much when his hands are around her neck! There is a danger in uncontrolled anger.

Also, you cannot properly manage money hooked on cocaine, crack, alcohol, or any drug! Somehow the drugs will always “blow” your budget “sky high!” Why, a woman would practically have to be a “heroine” to take care of the family when her spouse has a drug habit and can't even “sniff” a job. The same applies in reverse (for men) and I hate to be so “blunt” but please do not marry a drug addict, alcoholic, gigolo, or abuser! You cannot be happy being beaten, burned, betrayed, or having to beg all the time for the necessities of life! You cannot plan for any kind of future with a committed criminal. Although I have joked about violence in this publication as a way to keep the mood light, neither domestic violence, drug abuse or any bondage is a laughing matter in the lives and relationships they ruin.

Likewise, sexual impurity, masturbation and pornography open doors to forces that lead to promiscuity and perversion. It is one thing to be bombarded from outside ourselves by the

images, temptations and attempts of people who try to soil our character and erode our commitment to our mates. It is an entirely different level of struggle to have these things “at work” within (Ephesians 2:1-3). The indulgence in masturbation and pornography immediately shifts, and ultimately shapes the character of the soul to a condition that’s excessively sensual and sexual. The meditations of the heart become unacceptably dark (to God) due to the potent influence of contact with such dark, demonic and deadly images and activity. We disconnect from people and especially our mates because we become a keeper of secrets. Secret thoughts, secret desires and most importantly, secret knowledge that our character isn’t right, and we are becoming something that we can’t show them. **Settling in this condition** of the heart causes these secret desires to soar, while the secret place suffers (Psalm 91).

Instead of the shadow of the Almighty, we live under the shadow of sexual, sensual, and satanic spirits. It becomes easier to continue in greater and greater contact with such wicked images and imaginations. Contact leads to control and control leads to the conquering of the will. Before you know it, you are a captive of the passions of the flesh and of the spiritual forces that flood your soul with a “deluge of desires.” You’ve allowed yourself to become “shaped by your sexuality” and the result is that it becomes a light thing to “look on people to lust them.” It becomes an ordinary everyday activity to envision evil, infidelity and adultery. You become a whore (or whoremonger) within, and it won’t be long before you become one without!

Dark minds lead to dark crimes, and in relationships, they create dark times. These behaviors lead to bondages such as infidelity, incest, perversion, prostitution, and all manner of sexual deviance. Unless there is deliverance and they are **stopped**, these actions continue to create more and more dark “needs” which produce dark “deeds.” Intimacy with these

things empties a person of true intimacy with their mate and more importantly, they empty a person of true intimacy with God. It causes people to live in their own dark minds and not in the renewed mind of Christ which sustains a Christian's transformation. (Romans 12:2)

Once again, it takes "the anointing" (God's dynamic power to deliver) to release the mind, soul and relationship from the effect of the spirits, images and influences of such behavior. Fortunately, God loves us plenty and has supplied both His forgiveness and power to change us. This can happen if we see the error in this behavior, are sorry for it, want to change, turn to Jesus Christ, and ask Him for salvation and deliverance. If you are entangled or touched by these things (or any issue brought up in this book), **I speak to your soul now in the name of Jesus. "Be loosed and let go, right now! I speak deliverance to your spirit, mind, soul and body in Jesus' name! I command the spiritual forces opposing the purpose of Christ Jesus for your life to loose you and let you go, now and forever! I declare all spirits and strongholds pulled down, cast down, brought into captivity and your soul to be established in "readiness" to serve God from this moment forward! (2 Corinthians 10: 4-6)**

I have ministered to many couples where a spouse's substance abuse, sexual deviance, criminal nature, or underdeveloped character makes the "union" shaky. When a person has bondages, they don't have control of themselves. How can you expect them to behave in such a way as to produce a stable relationship? I have come to a place where I will not marry couples who refuse to go through and pass a pre-marital course. It must be a course that either I, or a Pastor I respect, conducts. This is my attempt to help those people who are ruining their lives by overlooking horrible behaviors and demonic bondages in order to get married.

To help yourself, you may ask other questions such as:

- What is the spirit of this person like?
- What have you/they allowed sexuality to shape in life?
- What is their natural/normal state? This means finding out their day-to-day actions, attitudes and activities as well as their countenance and character (without their meds).
- What is their general disposition or nature?
- What drives them?

Often, during the dating process, you see them and they are not really being themselves. That is not their normal or natural state. It's their dating, church or "public place face." They may be something entirely different with you than with anyone else in the whole world. Many times, this is the very thing that made them want to marry you. You are the one person who brought them out of their depression and deviance, but you don't know that. Once you get married, then their natural or normal state becomes the order of the day and you feel betrayed. Dating did that!

People present themselves in their best light while dating, in public places and when they are on "the prowl" looking for their pleasure! Knowing Christ allows you to possess the wisdom and discernment to look beyond your attraction and discern the spirit that governs this person. What dominates their life? Are they generally free? Where do they draw their self-esteem? What motivates them?

Accurately evaluating these behavioral issues will help you to understand the nature of a person so that you can choose someone with which you can walk in partnership, companionship, relationship, love, and *mutual* sacrifice. You may then avoid the burden of bondages and extremely bad behavior in your relationship. Please, do not let yourself get stung by the Killer B's. Their impact can be deadly!