

A person is holding a large, transparent sheet in a field. The sheet is held up, creating a frame that shows the person's silhouette and the background. The background is a dry, grassy field under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the sheet.

5 Things to keep in mind about Love and friendships

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1. Cheap things need *Advertisement*

Anyone has access to cheap things, but not everyone has access to costly things.

He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.

Proverbs 18:22

Authentic things are costly.

- The woman is supposed to be found.
- You don't have to advertise. Only Godly men will go to the ends to find a Godly woman.
- The man is supposed to go out and find her
- Part of growing up is doing things yourself. Mom and Dad cannot do them for you.
- If you want a Godly woman, the only place to find her is in the presence of God.

2. You get what you *Pay for*

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

2 Corinthians 6:14

Defining the Relationship

"A yoke is a wooden bar that joins two oxen to each other and together, they pull"

- **You decide whether your relationship/marriage prospers or fails by the person you choose to marry.**
- **Dating a non-believer is not a form of doing ministry**



What is a YOKE?

A yoke is a wooden or metal frame designed to fit around the neck and shoulders of draft animals, such as oxen or horses, to harness them together for pulling heavy loads or plowing fields.

Yokes evenly distribute the weight of the load and allow the animals to work in tandem.

In a broader sense, "yoke" can also refer to any device or force that combines or links things together, often in a figurative context.

The term has historical significance in agriculture and transportation but is less commonly used today due to modern machinery.



3. *God* always knows *Best*

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for

Jeremiah 29:11

- Remember, when God asks for something, it's because He has something better in mind

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:4

- God knows the desire of your heart. Choose to delight yourself in God while you are in the waiting season.

4. How do you know *they're the one?*

This is he who came by water and blood —Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

1 John 5:6

- The Spirit can give testimony as to who they truly are.

The best tool that God has given a person that is looking for a partner is their eyes. God will not make that decision for you.

A woman in a black dress is shown from the side, looking out over a beach. The background is a soft-focus view of the ocean and sky.

Defining the Relationship

For women: Can that man lead you and your family in a time of crisis? If cannot lead himself, he cannot lead you.

For men: Can that woman honor and respect God's law above how you feel? If she cannot say "no" or "yes" to you when she must, then there will be no stability.

- **Your relationship must honor God above your feelings**
- **Your relationship must honor your parents or authority... i.e. mentor, leader etc.**

5. Choose your friends *Wisely*

Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character.

1 Corinthians 15:33

The people you surround yourself with can and will influence how you live for God. Your friendships will either bring to Jesus or pull you away from Jesus.