

# **FINDING THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE**

## **Love, Sex, Romance and Reality – Part 1**

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*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is love. – 1 Corinthians 13:13 NIV*

- “The quality of the love relationships in your life is the single most important predictor of your overall satisfaction in life.” – Terry McDonald
- “Luck happens when preparation meets opportunity.” – Seneca

### **1. Start by (knowing yourself) and how God has shaped you.**

*Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given.... – Galatians 6:4 MSG*

- What are the 10 things you value most?
- Are you in a healthy place to begin a relationship?

### **2. Get clear on your (MUST's) and (MUST NOT's).**

- Never date a person lacking a MUST or possessing a MUST NOT.
- You will not marry someone you (do not date).

#### **A. You must be (spiritually) compatible.**

*Do not unite yourself with an unbeliever; they are not fit mates for you. – 2 Corinthians 6:14 NEB*

#### **B. You must have a compatible life purpose and (direction).**

*Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction? – Amos 3:3 NLT*

*God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to live our lives doing. – Ephesians 2:10 NCV*

#### **C. It helps to have (personal) compatibility.**

### **3. Seek to be the (type of person) that you want to attract.**

*Each person must be responsible for himself. – Galatians 6:5 NCV*

*But the Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. – Galatians 5:22-23 NCV*

### **4. Look in the (right places).**

***How well God must like you—you don't hang out at Sin Saloon, you don't slink along Dead-End Road.... – Psalm 1:1 MSG***

***Once while I was at the window of my house I looked out through the shutters and saw some foolish young men. I noticed one of them had no wisdom. He was walking down the street near the corner on the road leading to her house. Then the woman approached him, dressed like a prostitute and planning to trick him. She grabbed him and kissed him. Without shame she said to him, "Come, let's make love until morning. Let's enjoy each other's love. My husband is not home; he has gone on a long trip." Don't let yourself be tricked by such a woman; don't go where she leads you. She has ruined many good men.... – Proverbs 7:6-8, 10, 13, 18-19, 25-26 NCV***

**5. Give yourself (plenty of time).**

***There is a time for everything, ...a time to love.... – Ecclesiastes 3:1, 8***

***My times are in your hands. – Psalm 31:15 NIV***

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**Next Sunday: "Igniting the Fires of Romance"**