

Let God Choose Your Mate
How To Find The Right Mate
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I. Matt. 19:3–6

- A. Jesus' standard of marriage at the beginning
 1. God *decided* Adam was to have a wife
 2. God *formed* Eve for Adam
 3. God *brought* Eve to Adam
 4. God *determined* the nature and purpose of their relationship
- B. God started human history as a *matchmaker*—He is still in the business today!
- C. Prov. 18:22; 19:14—A father can give his sons homes and riches, but only the Lord can give them understanding wives.

II. How Can You Find Your God-appointed Mate?

- A. *First*, distinguish between *general* and *special* guidance
 1. *General guidance* comes primarily from the Scriptures—Ps. 119:105
 2. We only qualify for *special guidance* if we are obedient to *general guidance*
 3. One basic principle of Scripture: 2 Cor. 6:14–16—It is wrong for a believer to marry an unbeliever
 - a. The *yoke* is primarily *marriage*.
 - b. If you are converted after marriage, that is different.
- B. *Second*, remember the initiative is with God. On this basis, some practical suggestions:
 1. Believe in God's purpose for your life (Rom. 1–17, Heb. 11:6)
 2. Commit your life totally to Him (Rom. 12:1–2)
 3. Be prepared for death and resurrection (John 12:24–25)
 4. Walk in the light of God's Word (Ps. 119:105)
 5. Cultivate fellowship with God's people (1 John 1:7)
 6. Realize your value as a child of God (Eph. 2:10). Don't make yourself cheap – don't accept second best
 7. Be prepared to wait (Ecc. 3:1–8)
 8. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:14)

III. Responsibility Of Parents

- A. Gen. 24—*Abraham* obtains a wife for *Isaac*
- B. 1 Cor. 7—*Christian fathers* decide for their *daughters*; this is still the *ideal*
- C. *Elders* should act only where they have legitimately taken over the responsibility of parents.