



# A Guide to life

Never date someone you wouldn't marry

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Sometimes we date someone for the moment, even though we realise they are someone we clearly wouldn't want to spend the rest of our lives with.

What's the point?

Why date a time bomb?

Think about it. If you know a relationship isn't going to last, then you're basically saying, "This is just temporary." That means the relationship will end. It's not a matter of *if*, it's a matter of *when*.

The clock is ticking.

## ✔ Don't play games

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Humans are innately wired to bond with each other. The more time you spend with a girl, the closer you get. The closer you get, the tougher the breakup will be. And let's be honest, sometimes when you get really close with a girl, the temptation is to become more intimate. If you get into sexual situations with someone before marriage, a string of consequences will follow.

So don't let the word 'marriage' scare you. You should only date girls whom you could potentially marry someday. In other words if you already know they aren't "marriage material", you shouldn't be dating them.

## ✔ Friends first

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This means become friends first. As you grow closer with girls or guys who are friends, you'll get to see who they are through the good and the bad.

You will soon recognise some of the characteristics you are looking for in a future wife.

### ✔ Go ahead and answer



Ask these questions when you start hanging out with someone:

- Do they put God first in their life?
- Can I talk with them easily?
- Do I enjoy their company?
- Am I attracted to them?
- Do we have fun just hanging out together?

### ✔ Final thoughts



The media has taught us that only one thing matters: *looks*. In other words, “*Are they hot?*”

Hot is nice, but it’s only the icing on the cake. The person you marry needs to be so much more.

Don’t date someone you wouldn’t marry.



*Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things* **(1 Corinthians 13:4-7)**