

## Marriage Advices also for non-married

Prov.15:1-7,22,23; Rom.12:9-19



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Marry not without knowing

### Advices

1. if you don't know the other very well: don't marry!
2. Better not to marry, than with the wrong person!

2.Cor.6:14 (NIV) "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers..."

Proverbs 3:5,6 (NIV): "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding..."



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Commit to Communication

### Advices

1. if you're dating, and you discover that the communication is not well and not improving, don't continue!
2. Learn to communicate before you marry; learn sex after you marry!

Proverbs 15:1 (NIV) "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

Proverbs 18:13 (NIV) "To answer before listening— that is folly and shame."



Don't Drift apart

### Advices

1. As soon as you realise you're drifting away from each other: start to discuss this with your partner (and not with a nice date or nice single colleague...)
2. Seek advice from a counsellor when you're drifted too far away to hear what the other says!

Proverbs 15:22 (NIV): Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.



Invest in your relation

### Advices

1. Invest in your love-relationship. Love always needs attention.
2. Discover your 'love language' and that of the other...and serve each other with these languages!
  - Words of affirmation
  - Quality time
  - Physical touch
  - Acts of service
  - Receiving/giving gifts

(Gary Chapman – The Five Love Languages)

Rom.12:10 (NIV) "Be devoted to one another in love."



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Ask forgiveness – seek reconciliation

### Advices

1. ALWAYS try to solve a quarrel...the sooner the better!
2. If you disagree and get into an argument...take a short break, think about your own attitude and try to understand the other person's point of view!

Eph. 4:26 (NIV) "In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry..."

Rom.12: 16-19 (NIV) "Live in harmony with one another....Do not repay anyone evil for evil."



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Nourish your sexual relationship –  
break with wrong sexual habits

### Advices

1. Always try to maintain some form of physical affection in your love relationship. You will find this to be a rich blessing!
2. Don't seek sex elsewhere!

Proverbs 5:15 (NIV) "Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well."

Eph. 5:3 (NIV) "But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality..."



Don't give up!

### Don't give up:

But ask yourself and your partner:

- What do we want for the future? Would we both like that our relationship improves?
- How should such relationship look like?
- What steps can we make step-by-step to reach that goal?

### Do you need help?

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