

Hi Missionaries,

All of you will have a question somewhat like the one in the subject line, and need to be prepared to give Biblical instruction on finding a mate, and help them to make good decisions in their desire to find a husband/wife.

FINDING A MATE, HOW CAN I FIND TRUE LOVE?

Strong emphasis that they must FIRST have a deep relationship with God, encourage them to seek Scripture which gives them the answer to ALL questions (including this one), look for CHRISTIAN characteristics, be patient, pray, and submit their will to God and trust Him completely.

So the question is "How Can I Find True Love?"

You might say.....

Hi...
You are wise to seek God's direction in finding love. With this question (as in ALL of life's questions), Scripture gives us the answer. God recognizes our need for companionship – Genesis 2:18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

In 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, God warns us not to be "yoked" with unbelievers. Relationship with non-believers is a danger zone for you as a child of God. Core values are different. Even if you remain steadfast in your faith, your life will be full of turmoil. And, it could be very dangerous for the salvation of any children born of that relationship.

1. Before seeking human Christian love, you must have a deep, personal relationship with God. We cannot have healthy relationships with others until we have a loving relationship with God. What are you doing now to stay spiritually strong and close to God (reading the Bible, prayer, worship/church, time alone with God, serving others, sharing your faith, applying self-control/self-discipline to daily living)? Please go to www.looktoJesus.com and follow the steps for growth.
2. A Christian relationship takes THREE (not two). The man and woman must each have a relationship with God BEFORE they can have a healthy union.
3. Unconditional love – God's love is unconditional. Jesus taught us to love others as He loved us; so we are to love others unconditionally (very important in all relationships).
4. How to find Christian love? Look for Christian characteristics (unconditional love, caring, sensitive, selflessness, patience, giving, etc.) vs. carnal attractions and needs of provision.
5. Trust in God completely for all your needs, including this one. Tell Him in prayer what's in your heart.
6. EXCELLENT info on seeking Christian relationships at www.gotquestions.org (search for keywords: unequally yoked, husband, wife, marriage, dating, relationships). We learn what to look for in a mate, but also how WE can improve to be a good mate. Also, please go to www.trueloveandgod.com and www.marriageandgod.com. (also in mobi's)

A contact's prayer.....

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for your unconditional love; help me to love others as Jesus taught – with this same kind of unconditional love. Give me a burning desire to grow in deeper relationship with you. Lord, you know what's in my heart, that I very much want a loving companion. I trust in You, Father, that You know when I'm ready and know the perfect timing. Help me to trust You and know that if this doesn't happen, I am still complete -- as long as I have You in my life. Give me wisdom and patience to seek Christian characteristics in a companion. Help me to become more like Jesus so I will be a better mate, too. Scripture tells us that You have a plan and purpose for us. Father, I submit my will to Yours. Dear Lord. Your plan for me is beyond anything I could possibly comprehend. If it be Your will, please hear my prayer for a Christian companion. In Jesus' holy name I pray. Amen