



THE CRAZY CYCLE

1. It has been said, “Only date someone that you would consider marrying.” Do you think this is good advice? Why or why not? What is the first Biblical requirement when considering someone to marry?
2. If you are a believer and marry an unbeliever, what are some of the negative consequences that you might face? Do you know anyone who has had those issues? What happened, how did they handle it?
3. What was the second principle to apply when considering a life partner? What do you think this means and why is it so important in a relationship? What would be a good thing to do with your mate/future mate, if they are a believer, so that you can share the same purpose?
4. What is the third principle to apply in selecting a future mate? What does this not mean?
5. What characteristics in a person should you avoid according to Pastor Rick’s “checklist”? Do you agree with these? Why or why not? Can you think of any other characteristics to avoid?
6. What are the good characteristics to look for in the checklist? Why do you think being committed to the truth is so important? Do you have any more to add to the list?

Answers

1. It has been said, "Only date someone that you would consider marrying." Do you think this is good advice? Why or why not? What is the first Biblical requirement when considering someone to marry? *This is probably a good rule because you usually date the person you are going to marry first. The first Biblical requirement for a believer when considering a future mate is that they are also a believer.*
2. If you are a believer and marry an unbeliever, what are some of the negative consequences that you might face? Do you know anyone who has had those issues? What happened, how did they handle it? *The main negative consequence is that you have differing values and purposes in life so there is a very important part of your life you cannot share with them. Many times this has leads to fighting over how to raise kids and even divorce.*
3. *The second principle was that the person you consider for a mate should have compatible purposes for life as you. Amos 3:3 says, "Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?" This means that the things you consider to be the most important things to accomplish in life are the same as the other person. A great way to walk in unison with another person as a Christian is to serve in ministry together in the church.*
4. *The third principle is that both should be emotionally healthy. This means that there neither person have emotional issues that they cannot deal with that lead to destructive habits. It does not mean being perfect because none of us are, we are all sinners.*
5. *The characteristics to avoid are: a. They should not be a hot head; b. They should have no addictions; c. They must not be bitter and carrying resentment for others; d. They must not be greedy.*
6. *The good characteristics are: a. They should be generous; b. They must be committed to the truth. If a person is not committed to the truth, then they will believe lies about what makes a good relationship and they will not be committed to God.*

