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Woman, That Marriage Partner

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I. Marriage, it's for everyone.
   A. Some don't want it.
   B. Some won't meet the demands of it.
   C. Some haven't the capacity for marriage.

II. The Courtship should determine various things.
   A. Similar religious beliefs.
   B. Similar economic, family backgrounds.
   C. Similar social standings.
   D. Similarly desired social activities, or else appreciate what the other one does.
   E. Educational similarity.
   F. Similar family desires - namely, children, work plans.
   G. Proper physical arrangement.
      1. Husband has respectable vocation.
      2. Both old enuf to be emotionally mature.
   H. After all, think what you are building.

I Tim. 5:14 "I will therefore that the younger women
   Titus 2:4-5 "That they may teach the young women to
   Gal. 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is
   Dan. 5:23 "But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord
   Matt. 19:4-6 "And he answered and said unto them,
      1.) "A man w/o religion is to be pitied but a
         godless woman is a horror above all things."
         Augusta Evans.
      2.) Belknap poem.
III. Marriage Meets Many Needs.
A. Emotional.
   1. No "I" in marriage - ego goes.
   2. Stimulation of mentality.
   Prov. 31:26 "She openeth her mouth and wisdom
   3. Loyalty of an abiding love.
B. Sexual.
   1 Cor. 7:3-5 "Let the husband render unto the wife du
   Heb. 13:4 "Marriage is honourable in all, and the be
   Exo. 20:14 "Thou shalt not commit adultery."
   Prov. 5:15-19 'Drink waters out of thine own cistern,
   1 Cor. 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh he stan
   1. Sex that's only physical is animalist.
   2. Procreation - God made sex.
   Gen. 1:28 "And God blessed them, and God said unto
   3. Total relationship as needs are met. Dr. Marie
   Robinson, "The greatest psychological joy of a
   woman is her capacity to give."
   4. See sheet attached.
   5. Meaningful relationship out of marriage has a
   meaning all right.
   6. Girl the loser.
C. Continuance - married romance!
   1 Pet. 3:3-4 "Whose adorning let it not be that outwa
   1. Old housecoat your security blanket.
   2. Look like a disgruntled porcupine.
   3. Nag - "You didn't fix that drippy faucet."
   4. If romance goes out, get a mirror & look.
   5. Let there be a good homecoming.
      a.) Smell good, not untidy, orderly
Eph. 4:31-32 “Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speakings, be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

6. Communicate - listen to & talk with - (must be knowledgeable enuf to respond).
7. Be sounding boards.
8. Do some reading - forget TV - Mary will still have amnesia & Margaret is still going to have his baby 6 mo. later.

9. Tell him you love him & show it.
   a.) He did have lot of hair, no stomach & now it's all rearranged.
   b.) Some are born beautiful, rest just stay bare.

10. Give him some of your time.
11. Never so adjusted no longer any element for surprise.
12. Be patient - murder is messy.

Gal. 6:2 “Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

13. Have the Lord as your partner.
   a.) Spiritual depth.
   b.) Kids see prayer life.
   c.) I love you vs. I love me.

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They stood in the warmth of their faith and their love
And gazed at the mountain trail winding above.
He asked her there with a tender smile,
"Will you go with me dear, for the next half-mile?"

She looked in his eyes as they pled for her love,
She looked at the path as it wound on above,
She said, as she gazed past the spring to the wood,
"I'll go with you, dear, to the end of the road."

They stood in the woods in the fall of the year,
And the rustling of leaves was sweet to the ear.
He shifted the weight from an increasing load
And asked her again, as they looked down the road --

"Will you go with me, dear, to the wind-swept hill?"
She looked down the valley, her heart stood still,
With a catch in her voice at the threat of the vale,
"I'll go with you dear, to the end of the trail."

When they stopped at the crest of the hill to rest,
The sun's last glow strained the darkening west.
And deep was their valley and dark was their vale
Through which they had come in their lengthening trail.

How far was that spring and how far was that fall
And how far was their youth since its ringing call?
He looked at her hair with its white streaks of snow
Painted on there in the valley below--

And he could not find words for his bursting heart --
But he knew that she knew -- had known from the start --
So, only his eyes asked the question again.
She answered so softly . . . "to the end of the lane."

[Ona Sweet Belknap]
We don't like to admit that Christian men and women can be tempted. But that's who Paul is writing to in the above passage. "Resist the Devil and he will flee from you." [James 4:7] But we can't resist him if we don't realize he's there.

Dr. David Reuben in a Woman's Day article, "What Tempts a Man to Be Unfaithful", [April 1972] states that "the wife who refuses to give her husband reasonable sexual satisfaction is literally asking him to go elsewhere...The woman who does her best to meet his sexual needs goes a long way toward making him immune to the allure of other women."

Although it's not always true, a general rule is that "most men need sex more often than women." [Charlie Shedd, Letters to Karen, p. 103] (Notice the word is "need", not merely "want.") "You are a prudent wife," says Dr. Shedd, "when you look on sex, in part, as your opportunity to be a blessing to your husband. The tender women train themselves to receive a large measure of contentment just from contenting their men." [Shedd, p. 103] Dr. Reuben puts it more succinctly: "Satisfying a man sexually is ten per cent ability and ninety per cent accessibility."

Starving him sexually exposes him to the "obvious temptation of the devil." And be assured the devil provides