

In search of...The Perfect Mate, True Love

Genesis 2:18-25

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Top 4 traits men and women seek in the perfect mate.

1. Love
2. Dependable Character
3. Emotional Stability
4. Pleasing Disposition
5. Men—Good Looks
5. Women—Status and Money

--According to a 1985 study by Dr. David Buss, of University of Texas

The search for the Perfect mate began...

1. In the Beginning

“But for Adam no suitable helper was found.” —Genesis 2:20b

The search began in the Garden of Eden and in the very beginning, creation.

God couldn't find a perfect mate for Adam, so He cheated....
God created one and made a woman from man's rib.

“You complete me.” The phrase sounds so right and so romantic, but is it possible for one human being to truly complete another?

“The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.” —Genesis 2:25

But we often feel shame. We are not open and authentic.
Even in marriages, families, and dating relationships, we still hide.

2. Marriage is not guarantee of completeness

“They knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.” —Genesis 3:7

Biblical love stories....good, bad, and ugly...

Abram and Sarai—Genesis 12, 20 (Pharaoh & Abimelech)

Isaac and Rebekah—Genesis 26 (Abimelech)

Jacob, Leah and Rachel—Genesis 29, 30

Samson and Delilah—Judges 16

Job and wife—Job 2:9

David, Michal, and Paltiel—1 Samuel 25, 18, and 2 Samuel 3

David, Abigail, and Nabal—1 Samuel 25

David and Bathsheba—2 Samuel 11, 12

Hosea and Gomer—Hosea 1:2

Mary and Joseph—Matthew 1:18-20

Dr. Henry Cloud’s search map for true intimacy and completeness.

No connection, alone

Bad connections, bad relationships,

False connections, feel good substitutes

Real love, real relationships

3. Only one perfect mate— Jesus

“Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.”

—John 15:9 (NASB)

God describes true love and relationship in the Biblical term *abiding*.

More modern translations simply call it *remaining*.

Abiding or staying connected in our relationship with God and others requires active participation from us.

4. No singles allowed.

“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

—Genesis 2:18

Unmarried, yes. Single, no!

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

—Matthew 6:33