

CRITERIA IN MATE SELECTION

The following is a list of traits or qualities which 77 students in a Christian Home class at Harding University, fall 2000, ranked as to importance. Classes in preceding years had chosen these items as being very significant. The traits are somewhat different for females and for males. The following are ranked in order of importance in descending order:

CHOICES AS RANKED BY FEMALES:

1. One who has a close relationship to God, who is spiritual, and a person of faith.
2. One who wants a Christian home and a loving family.
3. One who puts God first, me second, others third, and self last.
4. Someone who is my best friend.
5. One who is giving and generous with time, emotions, affection and understanding.
6. One who has a good relationship with his family.
7. One who is a person of high quality character.
8. One who can help make me a better and more complete person.
9. One who can achieve intimacy and an honest, open relationship.
10. One who has a kind and understanding heart.
11. One with good physical appearance.
12. One whose goals are compatible with mine.
13. One who has a good personality.
14. Someone who knows himself and has dealt with his past.
15. Someone who can relax and have fun, and has a sense of humor.
16. One who is mentally capable.
17. One who has made a proper vocational choice.

CHOICES AS RANKED BY MALES:

1. A Christian who loves God and whose religious beliefs are compatible with mine.
2. One capable of showing love and respect.
3. One who is loyal, committed, and willing to work to achieve a good relationship.
4. One who motivates me spiritually.
5. One who is physically attractive.
6. One who is sincere and honest.
7. One whom I deem would be a good future parent for child/family relationships.
8. One who is my best friend.
9. One with whom I share things in common.
10. One who has a good sense of humor.

11. One who loves me enough to move to a mission field, or to go where God leads.
12. One who is understanding.
13. One who is caring and kind, who is able to serve all types of people.
13. One who is willing to work, to serve, and to sacrifice.
14. One who has a strong personality.
15. One who is intelligent.
16. One who is a good communicator.
17. One who is self-sufficient, who feels good about self (high self-esteem).
18. One who is optimistic.
19. One who is submissive.
20. One with a solid family background who has spiritually strong parents.
21. One who is athletic.
22. One who is not a divorcee.

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