#### **How to Avoid Falling In Love With**



A Jerk (or Jerkette)

#### **How To Tell If This Is The**





Who is the Jerk?

# A Jerk is anyone whose behaviour is destructive to your well being and development.

- 1. Do you know of someone who is
- a Jerk?

2. Do you ever dated a jerk?

3. Are you a jerk?

It is from the marriage hour that many date their success or failure in this life, and their hopes in the future life

AH 43 EGW

#### Impact of Jerks

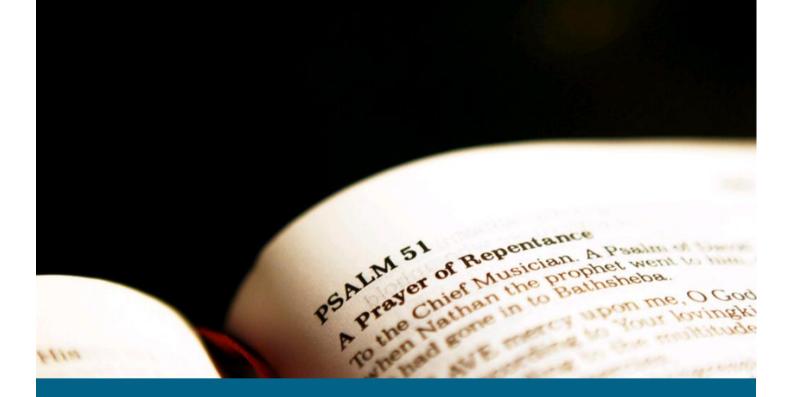
- 1. Heart break
- 2. Ruined reputation or career
- 3. Waste time, energy and money
- 4. Cost sanity, life or salvation

Give 2 examples of people in the bible who married jerks



Give some examples of people who have fallen for wrong persons and consequences (Bible, history, News, Celebrities or people you know)

# 5 Ways you can end up marrying the wrong person like Sampson



#### Disregard the word of God



Look in the wrong place



Depend on feelings and emotions



Ignore advice of parents



#### Ignore red flags

#### How to tell?

God You Him/Her Others

Would God approve?



What does God say



Don't mix with the heathens



Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons,

because they will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods. Then the anger of the LORD will burn against you, and He will swiftly destroy you

Duet 7:3,4

For when Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and he was not wholeheartedly devoted to the LORD his God, as his father David had been.

1 Kings 11:4

Ministry partner



Be not unequally yoked?
2 Cor 6:14



Can you be unequally yoked in the church?



What is the Spirit telling you?



What is your intuition telling you?



### Questions to ask yourself

- Will they increase your sphere of influence?
- Will they ennoble you?
- Are they safe?
- How do they make you feel?
- Do want to become like this person?
- Do you want your children to become like them?

#### Is this person good for you?

- Spiritually
- 2. Financially
- 3. Emotionally
- 4. Socially lifestyle

#### Questions to ask?

- 1. Are they teachable?
- 2. Do they have a conscience?

What are other people saying



Their reputation



Their friends and family



## Why?

# Your friends family?



Ex's



## Why?

## person The



Red flags

#### What are some of the red flags you should look for?

#### Things you need to know

- 1. What is his/her past record? EGW
- 2. Relationship/sexual history
- 3. Family history
- 4. Financial
- 5. Crime

#### What's their attitude

- Your friends
- Your family
- Your religious belief
- Your development

#### Are they available/ready

- Emotionally
- Financially
- Spiritually
- Psychologically



### Does his word match what he does? Does he walk the talk?

• 1 Cor 13:1

Are they gifted but uncaring, unfeeling and nonsensitive?

Are they very intelligent and know about the theory of love but cannot connect emotionally

• 1 Cor 13:2

Is he or she open to let you contribute to him or her? Are they willing to show you their vulnerable parts and allow you to help?

#### Are they patient and tolerant of the mistakes of others?

• 1 Cor 13:6

Do they have a kind tender heart?

## Are they envious and jealous of other people and what they have?

• 1 Cor 13:4

Are they arrogant, boastful, proud and full of self?

## Are they rude, ill mannered or impolite?

• 1 Cor 13:5

Is this person spoilt and always want his or her own way?

Do they have anger management issues or fly off the handle easily?

• 1 Cor 13:4

Are they overly critical of other people and always have something bad to say about people?

#### Are they happy to see bad things happy to other?

• 1 Cor 13:6

Are they able endure tough times knowing that God will come through for them?

# + Qualities to look for?



| Patience | Kindness | Generousity   |
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| Humility | Courtesy | Unselfishness |

## Good tempered disposition

Sincere

Perseverance

Endurance