

# Compatibility

Able to exist, live, or work successfully with something or someone else

It has been observed that people **tend to couple with** other people **who are similar to them**.

Actually, lots of people marry others who even **look like** them. Have you ever seen couple who look more like siblings than husband and wife?

The more things you **have in common** with someone the **higher** the chances of having a **successful** union.

I recently read a Medium article that argued people **marry** other people **who** are **emotionally** on the **same level** as they are. There may some truth in that especially when you recognise people constantly choosing partners who are not safe or healthy for them.

The **more differences** you have with your spouse the **more challenges** you have to overcome to make your relationship work.

Its **not impossible** for 2 different races (or people of religious/financial/social) to have a successful marriage. They only have to **overcome more challenges**.

It is also important to note that **no 2 persons are totally compatible**. You surely don't want to get married to someone exactly like you. That would be a disaster.

You **do not** have to **have everything in common** to **succeed** in your **relationship**. However, it is important that your major values and ethics are similar.

Abraham famously insisted that his servant find someone from his tribe as a bride for his son Isaac.

It is also very important to realize that you can **develop compatibility**. You can learn and grow to be compatible with someone who may be very **different** from **you**.

Technically speaking you will be **forever adopting and adapting** to each other as you go through varies stages and seasons in life.

That said it is still a good idea to see how compatible s/he is to you. Remember this should not be the only determining factor in starting and developing a relationship.

# Are you compatible?

1 Cor 6:14

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers

Is the prospect compatible to you?

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			Yes	No
lifestyle				
	class			
	culture			
	taste			
		music		
		food		
		entertainment		
career				
		history		
		goals		
		income		
	time management			
	quirks			
		idiosyncrasies		
	hobbies and interests			
Attitude				
	life			
	work			
	religion			
	education			
Personality				
	happy			
	humorous			
	bubbly			
	pessimists/optimist			
habits				
	good			
	bad			
safe				
	Words			
	physically			
Questions				
	Would like to become like them			

	would like children to be like them			
	What people say about them			
		friends		
		family		
		ex's		
		neighbours		
		church members		
	How do they manage emotions?			
		anger problem		
	Are they reliable			
	How do they treat others			
	Does he have a conscience			
		introspective/reflective		
		Say sorry and adjust		