

Hope Program Online Class  
on

“Relationships”



# The Five Fingers of Compatibility

## Lesson 6



You Never Marry the “Ideal”  
Person



Great Marriages Just Don't  
Happen



# Discerning Compatibility



# Definition of Compatibility

*“the capacity of living*

*or*

*performing in a harmonious,*

*agreeable, and congenial combination with*

*another or others...”*



# Five Fingers of Compatibility



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## 1. Spiritual





# Spiritual Compatibility

- Am I spiritually compatible with the one I am dating or with whom I am in a serious relationship with?
- Is he a Christian? (2 Corinthians 6:14-16)
- Is he active with his faith? Is he growing spiritually?
- Does he challenge you to grow in relationship with God? (Proverbs 27:17)
- Does he have similar convictions and beliefs about God? (Philippians 2:2)
- Are you both headed in the same direction spiritually?



# Spiritual Compatibility

- Is he a Christian? (2 Corinthians 6:14-16)

*Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?...*

- Does he challenge you to grow in relationship with God?  
(Proverbs 27:17)

*As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.*

- Does he have similar convictions and beliefs about God?  
(Philippians 2:2)

*Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.*



# Five Fingers of Compatibility

1. Spiritual

2. Intellectual



# Intellectual Compatibility

- Do you engage in conversations and communicate well with one another?
- Is he interested in your opinions?
- Do you both occasionally ask each other for advice?
- Does he stimulate or challenge your thinking in a positive way. And do you do the same with him?  
(Hebrews 10:24)
- Are you able to discuss issues that deal with family, friends, money, career, current issues, even politics?



# Intellectual Compatibility

- Does he stimulate or challenge your thinking in a positive way. And do you do the same with him?

(Hebrews 10:24)

*...and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,*



# Five Fingers of Compatibility

1. Spiritual

2. Intellectual

3. Social



# Social Compatibility

- Do you both have similar interests, hobbies, recreational and social activities?
- Are you supportive of his interests and activities even though you do not participate or are actively involved with them?
- Do you enjoy and feel comfortable around his friends? Does he feel the same around yours?  
(Romans 12:16)
- Do you both enjoy doing things together?



# Social Compatibility

- Do you enjoy and feel comfortable around his friends? Does he feel the same around yours?  
(Romans 12:16)

*Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!*





# Five Fingers of Compatibility

1. Spiritual

2. Intellectual

3. Social

4. Emotional



# Emotional Compatibility

- When you are down emotionally, discouraged or depressed, does he have the capacity to lift your spirits up? To be encouraging to you?  
(Hebrews 3:13)
- Does he show sensitivity, compassion, and patience toward you or is he emotionally disengaged?  
(1 Peter 3:7)
- Is he given to anger, moody? Does he become depressed frequently? (Proverbs 22:24-25)



# Emotional Compatibility

- When you are down emotionally, discouraged or depressed, does he have the capacity to lift your spirits up? To be encouraging to you?

(Hebrews 3:13)

*But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*



# Emotional Compatibility

- Does he show sensitivity, compassion, and patience toward you or is he emotionally disengaged?

(1 Peter 3:7)

*In a similar way, you husbands must live with your wives in an understanding manner, as with a most delicate partner. Honor them as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing may interfere with your prayers.*



# Emotional Compatibility

- Is he given to anger, moody? Does he become depressed frequently?

(Proverbs 22:24-25)

*“Do not make friends with an angry man,  
and do not associate with a hot-tempered man,  
or you may learn his ways  
and entangle yourself in a snare.”*



# Emotional Compatibility

- Is he willing to talk out problems in your relationship and not be afraid of confrontation?
- Is he a good listener? (James 1:19)
- Is he able to humble himself and apologize when he has been wrong? (James 4:10)
- Is he a forgiving person? Are you? (Ephesians 4:32)



# Emotional Compatibility

Is he a good listener? (James 1:19)

*This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger;*

Is he able to humble himself and apologize when he has been wrong? (James 4:10)

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*

Is he a forgiving person? Are you? (Ephesians 4:32)

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*



# Five Fingers of Compatibility

1. Spiritual

2. Intellectual

3. Social

4. Emotional

5. Physical





# Physical Compatibility

- Is he physically challenged or handicapped in some way?
- Is he able to produce children?
- Is he impotent or unable to have sex?
- Does he carry STDs ; Herpes? Hepatitis C?
- Are you physically attracted to him? And is he to you?



# Physical Compatibility

- Physical union is sanctioned by God only in a marriage relationship.  
(Mark 10:7-9 ; 1 Corinthians 7:2-6)
- Physical intimacy is more than just having sex it can involve non-sexual affirmations of affection.
- Does he show physical affection in non-sexual ways? Ex: holding hands, kissing, cuddling?



# Physical Compatibility

- Physical union is sanctioned by God only in a marriage relationship.

(Mark 10:7-9 )

*For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.*



# Physical Compatibility

- Physical union is sanctioned by God only in a marriage relationship.

(1 Corinthians 7:2)

*But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband.*



# Conclusion

Read:

Psalm 37:4-5



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*Trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness.*

*Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and He will give you the desires of your heart.*

*Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in Him, and He will do it.*



# Experiencing God's Love for Yourself



1.

God Loves You and Has a Great  
Life-style for You





# John 10:10b

*“...I came that they may have life,  
and have it abundantly.”*



2.

We've All Ignored God and Have  
Built a Barrier Called Sin



# Romans 3:23

*“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”*



# Romans 6:23

*“For the wages of sin is death,  
but the free gift of God is eternal  
life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*



3.

Jesus Christ Is the Only One Who  
Can Remove This Barrier



## Romans 5:8

*“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”*



## John 14:6

*“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*”



4.

Jesus Is Waiting to Come into Your  
Life





## Revelation 3:20

*“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”*



# John 1:12

*“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,”*



# 1 John 5:13

*“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”*



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