

HOW TO IDENTIFY A RELATIONSHIP THAT IS BOUND TO FAIL

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Not all relationships succeed. Some last for a long time before packing up, while some pack up almost immediately. Some relationships may appear not to succeed at the beginning by the reason of the level of misunderstandings and conflicts, but later become better and heading towards success as the couple makes adjustments and corrections. Love and lust lead people into relationship and later into marriage. Anyone who enters into marriage without a genuine love will definitely end up in failure.

Love is like a fire that burns in the heart, and when it rages within, most times without considering the weaknesses in the partner and causes of conflicts, the one in love pushes ahead to consummate the relationship in marriage. It is very wrong to love someone who does not love you. It is suicidal to push for marriage when all signs and happenings reveal that both of you are not compatible.

Identifying a relationship that is bound to fail is very important in saving you years of nightmare and mental and emotional suffering. You can tell a relationship that will succeed and the one that will fail by the things you will observe in the life of the people involved in that particular relationship. Here is how to identify a relationship that is bound to fail.

1. Watch and pray.

Keep your eyes open as you prayerfully relate with the one you love.

- As you do this, the Holy Spirit will open your eyes to see, observe and make discoveries that will enlighten you more on the person you are in relationship with.
- As you pray that God will unmask the person before you, certain characters and behaviours start manifesting to enable you reach a conclusion for or against the relationship.
- As you pray, certain information about the person's past life and associations start reaching you.
- As you pray, you have clashes of opinions, interests, and personalities and encounters that reveal success or failure of a future marriage together.
- As you pray information about the family you are marrying into start coming up.
- Enough information that will enable you make a decision in favour or against marriage to your partner will be supplied by God. Some will come directly from your partner planned or unplanned, willingly or unwillingly, intentionally or unintentionally. Some will come from family members of both of you. Some will come from friends and enemies. Some will come by direct revelation of God. And some will come through direct encounters and clashes.

2. Take a closer look at the things you observe that disturb your mind.

Every abnormal behaviour should be looked at closely to now more about it. You need to study every negative attitude and actions being manifested by your partner to see if it is

something he or she is willing to overcome, and is able to overcome and if you are willing to pay the price of waiting for a change to occur, and in the absence of a willingness to change, if you can cope. To close your eyes to the things you ought to give attention to is dangerous and living with a time bomb in the house that will explode without warning.

Whatever upsets you and makes you fear for tomorrow should be looked at closely.

- a. If your disagreement or conflict level is very high, it is a sign that you are not meant for each other.
- b. If your partner is always bullying and battering you now you are not married, it means it will be worse when you get married. If you say I love him, so I will stay, how long will you take the beatings before you throw in the towel? It is better to end a relationship before it results in a marriage than break a marriage.
- c. If both of you are always quarrelling over money, it is a sign your future marriage will always be under pressure from money matters. Money fights have destroyed more marriages than adultery has. If you cannot deal with money matters now, forget about marriage.
- d. If it is proven that your partner is flirting with another, don't go into marriage with him or her for you will regret it. It is in single life that one learns how to stay only with one partner. A man or woman who cannot do that while courting is not to be trusted when married.
- e. Constant nagging from your friend that makes you very angry and greatly offended should be a cause for alarm. The scripture teaches that it is better to live on the roof top and in the desert than to live with a quarrelsome woman. Nagging is terrible bad habit that turns love to hate and makes peace in the home impossible. Living the rest of your life with a nagging person is a sentence to a life of sadness and sorrow.
- f. Unwillingness to change an evil character that is offensive to you. If you have been complaining to your friend that you don't like certain attitudes and character he or she is always manifesting, and is unwilling to repent, you need to look closely at your relationship and make a decision that will bring you into peace. Anyone who claims to love you, and is not moved when you cry out that you are being hurt by his or her attitudes, words and actions, does not really love you. You can't truly love me and enjoy hurting me. The test of true love is in the way your partner responds to your feelings each time you are hurt, especially when it is caused by him or her.

3. From time to time, evaluate your relationship to find out if you are compatible or not.

It is essential for you not to be blinded by charm, money and sweet words, but to look at the things that cause you pain and regret in the relationship. You need to have a general and close look at the things that are not right and weigh it against the positive things in the relationship and make a decision on whether to continue or end it.

4. Make the right decisions and stand by it. Do not be sentimental about it.

Be objective in analyzing your relationship and at the same time sensitive to the Holy Spirit in making the right decision to continue or end the relationship. Whatever you decide, follow it through even when it is very difficult to bear the fact that you are separating from the one you have been attached to. Think about the pain so far and the life of endless pain tomorrow. The decision is yours and the life is yours. Make the right decision and be happy the rest of your life.