

UNDERSTAND YOURSELF

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No one is qualified to find a partner until he or she has a working knowledge of him or herself. If you do not know yourself, how do you know who will fit you perfectly. To choose the wrong partner is to sign for failure. You must have a perfect match to have a peaceful and successful relationship. A square peg in a round hole will be a mismatch. It must be a round peg in a round hole to have a perfect match.

Gen 2:18

18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

NIV

The search for a true and fitting partner starts with a discovery and understanding of your person. Who are you? What kind of person are you? What is your temperament like? Self-knowledge is recognition of God given abilities, talents, and gifts to profit from. Self-knowledge is an understanding of your potential. Self-knowledge is an understanding of your personality – what makes you who you are. This understanding will make you successful in your relationships.

Ignorance is deadly. Ignorance perpetuates disease, poverty, and failure. Ignorance produces constant loss in our lives. Ignorance imprisons and destroys. God said,

Hos 4:6

6 my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.

NIV

Gen 1:26-27

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

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When God created the world, he first decided what He wanted His creation to be made out of. Then he spoke to that source, and whatever God said came out of what he spoke to. When God wanted plants, he spoke to the soil, and out of the soil came what God spoke. Since God wanted plants to be made out of the soil, every plant is dirt. That is why, when plants die, they decay and become soil again. When God wanted animals, he spoke to the soil, because animals came out of the soil, they are hundred percent soils. As soon as they die, they return to soil.

When God wanted to create the sun and other lights, he spoke to the gas in the air. That is why the sun and the stars have been discovered by scientists to be hundred percent gases. Whatever God speaks comes out of what he spoke to. Everything is made up of the same stuff as what it came out of.

Because God wanted man to come from himself, he spoke to himself. God made the body of man from the soil, but the real man is of the spirit of God (the breath of God). When the body dies, because it is from the soil, it returns to the soil, and because the real man (the spirit man) came from God, it returns to God in eternity far away from this realm of time. This revelation should excite you. You came from God for a purpose. When God wanted man, he spoke to himself; therefore, man is what God spoke to. Man is spirit because man came out of the Spirit of God.

SOURCE DETERMINES POTENTIAL

Everything God creates has the same component as its source. Everything is made up of the same stuff as what it came out of. Man has the potentials of God because he came from God. This explains why man is the most intelligent of all the creatures of God, why the devil launched his most vicious attack on man, and why God loves man so much as to redeem man through Jesus Christ death and resurrection.

You are loaded with abilities, talents, gifts, and powers. You are complete in Him. Whatever something comes from determines the components of which it is made. And whatever something comes from determines its potential. Potential is related to source. Take a close look at God, and look at yourself and you will see how loaded and great you are in him.

You have abilities that are lying dormant in you. You have reserved power, untapped strength, hidden talents and unused success within you waiting to be recognized, released and maximized. Cherish your life with Christ and never marry a non-believer.

YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO BECOME BETTER

Potential is always present, waiting to be exposed. It demands that you never settle for what you have accomplished. One of the greatest enemies of your potential is success. God wants you to make full use of the potential he has given you. You are not yet what you are supposed to be. You are on a journey, and you will soon get there. You can improve your character to reflect the character of Jesus your redeemer. You can drop all the evil habits you have in your life to reflect the life of God in you. You can become better.

Your last success or achievement could stop you if you see yourself as having arrived your destination. Whatever you are now, have accomplished, or acquired is not your last bus stop. The best of you is yet to come out. Don't be satisfied with your last accomplishment, because there are many accomplishments yet to be perfected. Since you are full of potential, you should not be the same person next year that you are this year. There should be an accomplishment and improvement.

RECOGNIZE YOUR SPIRITUAL STANDING

“But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit”. (1cor. 6:17)

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become the children of God”. (John 1:12)

Self-knowledge requires that you recognize your spiritual standing in God. The above scriptures are not the only scripture that explains the position of the true Christian believer. It is important that you know that you cannot survive outside your source. The plants have to remain attached to the soil to stay alive. The animals have to keep eating plants, which is from the soil to keep alive. The fishes that take their source from the water have to stay in the water to remain alive. Remove a fish from the water, and the fish will die. Man cannot survive outside his source...you need God to survive, release and maximize your potential. That is why Jesus came to reconcile us back to God and maintain a steady and sweet relationship with God and enable us to use the authority and power of God to our own advantage.

To marry someone who will not encourage you in serving God is suicidal. You need a partner who is interested in pleasing God in all his or her ways. Realization of the fact that you cannot survive outside of Christ will help you chose wisely as you will be looking for a like-minded person.

RECOGNIZE YOUR ASSIGNMENT

Every man is born with a purpose. Your purpose is your assignment. You must understand that you are here on assignment and not as a mistake. You are a solution to a problem; because everything God created is a solution to a problem, that problem is your assignment. Find it. Your eyes see; your ears hear; mothers bear children and nurse them; dentists solve teeth problems; doctors solve health problems; lawyers solve legal problems; Pastors solve spiritual problems. Your assignment on the earth is to solve a problem for somebody, somewhere and receive a reward for it.

1Cor.7: 20

20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

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Your gifting is toward your assignment. Your assignment determines who you marry. To marry one who will not be in agreement with your assignment is invitation to crisis. Marry someone who agrees with your vision.

RECOGNIZE YOUR DOMINANT GIFT

Every man has a dominant gift in his life. It is this gift that God intends to use to make the man great and fulfilled. David knew his dominant gift was not music. He was a warrior. That was why he spent time throwing (sling shooting). When opportunity came, he used it to destroy Goliath, and became famous. Identify your dominant gift and use it. What is your own dominant gift?

RECOGNIZE YOUR DOMINANT WEAKNESS.

Every human have one weakness or the other. And God knows that and bears with our weakness.

Ps 78:39

39 He remembered that they were but flesh, a passing breeze that does not return.

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One weakness can destroy you. Your refusal to recognize it guarantees your destruction. Recognition of your dominant weakness can save you a thousand nights of tears, failure, and devastation. Little weakness if permitted with time can become big and ruin a man and all he has labored for. Greed, lust, lying, prayerlessness, and even gossip can grow until that weakness becomes a raging inferno.

You cannot afford to ignore your dominant weakness. Your weakness is like a living person within you, a living organism. It is a force, silent and deadly, that moves your life toward destruction. If ignored, it will wreck every dream, sabotage every worthy relationship, and ultimately make you a monument of disgrace on the earth.

The recognition of your dominant weakness determines who will become your partner. You need someone who will help you overcome and not someone who will feed your weakness. You need someone who will challenge and support you to victory and not someone who will take advantage of your weakness to cheat on you and make life miserable for you.

RECOGNIZE YOUR LIMITATIONS

You cannot do everything. You can only do what you were designed and created to do through your gifts, skills and intelligence. Goats don't fly. Trees don't walk. Your design determines your capability. No your limitation. You can't be everything. You can't do everything at a master level.

It will be wise of you to choose someone who will complement you. You need someone who will fill the gap in your life. You need someone who can do what you cannot do, see what you cannot see, hear what you cannot hear, go where you cannot go, and someone who can achieve and accomplish what you cannot.

RECOGNIZE YOUR SPECIFIC ANOINTING

Every assignment requires an anointing. The anointing is the measure of the power of the Holy Spirit on a person to carry out an assignment for God.

A leadership anointing enables you to love and lead. An administrative anointing produces organizational skills and order. A healing anointing releases health and destroys the yoke of infirmities. A Psalmist anointing unlocks worship. A wisdom anointing illuminates.

The anointing is the power of God on man to accomplish God given assignments. Recognize the anointing operational in your life and yield to it. Don't try to be another person. The anointing can only accomplish what you were anointed by God to do.

Respect and submit to the anointing in your life. The anointing you respect is the anointing you attract. Grow in your anointing and you will be in reality what you were created to be. The anointing you carry determines who you marry. If you respect your anointing, marry someone who will respect it also.

RECOGNIZE YOUR PERSONLITY

What kind of person are you? What kind of temperament do you have? What puts you off and what puts you on? What is your attitude to quarrels and arguments? What is your eating habit like? Are you an outgoing person? Do you easily make friends? Do you love the company of many people or fewer people? Are you a late night person? How expensive are you? Are you a reserved person or do you mix up easily and love the company of people? Do you easily forgive or do you bear a grudge? When you get angry how do you show it? What is your attitude to church activities especially weekly meetings? All these questions are necessary in understanding yourself in order to understanding what kind of person you are looking for.

CONCLUSION

Know yourself first before you start looking for someone that fits you. You need to critically look at yourself prayerfully to discover yourself. A lack of understanding of your person will lead to wrong choice of a partner. This calls for hard work on your part.

In the process of discovering who you really are, you will see some ugly things in your life that need to be thrown out. Do not hesitate to throw such things out of your life. Remember you have a capacity to become better. Get rid of every evil thing you discover in your life so it will not mar your dream of a sweet and crisis free marriage. Be sincere with yourself and God will lend you His support and give you a helper that is suitable for you.