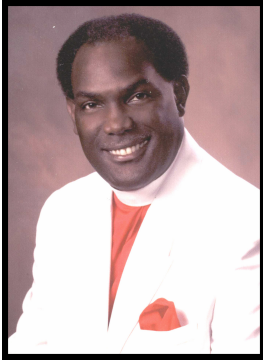


## Ask Our Pastor



**Q.** *In my study of the bible, I have noted that there have been many different ways that famous married couples met and were brought together in matrimony. Some ways included God's physical creation (Adam & Eve), parental arrangement (Isaac & Rebecca), love at first sight (Jacob & Rachel), a beauty contest (Ahasuerus & Esther), the man's initiation (David & Abigail), the woman's initiation (Ruth & Boaz) and God's commandment (Hosea and Gomer). This variety tells me that there is not one set way that a man and woman should meet. One option available in today's society are websites that match Christians on personality, beliefs and values. What is your biblical judgment of using such sites for meeting and screening potential mates?*

**A.** Although the bible does give us many examples of how couples were brought together in matrimony, it does not specifically tell us how to find a mate. Although the internet has unlimited sites for Christians to meet and possibly develop a relationship that could lead to marriage, it is important for us as Christians to step back and separate our views from that of our society. Whereas many couples across the globe have said that if it had not been for the internet, they would not have met the love of their lives, I sincerely believe that we should honor Proverbs 3:5-6 that states, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." When we have obeyed His instructions, then God will lead you to your mate or your mate will be led to you.

In conclusion, it is my personal opinion that this option of meeting a mate should be avoided. While some may consider meeting on the internet a blessing, it may be a pitfall to others. I recommend that you read "Finding Your Perfect Mate" by Dr. H. Norman Wright.

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