Safeguarding Your Relationship The preparation and preservation of love

Save your relationship before it starts!

- Prayerfully evaluate:
 - Character
 - Beliefs/lifestyle
 - Personality
 - Circumstances

I John 4:16

"God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

- 1. Character
 - Connection with God
 - Maturity
 - Commitment
 - Responsibility
 - Self-discipline
 - Conflict resolution
 - Humility
 - Selflessness
 - Ethics
 - Respect



II Corinthians 6:14

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?"

And what communion hath light with darkness?"

- Lifestyle/belief system
 - Convictions
 - Habits
 - Decision-making strategies
 - Flexibility



Amos 3:3

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

- Personality
 - Communication skills
 - Ideals for marriage
 - Introversion/extroversion
 - Energy levels
 - Life calling
 - Intelligence
 - Organizational skills
 - Negotiation skills
 - Risk taking



Ecclesiastes 3:1-5

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:...a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing."

- Circumstances
 - Family
 - Money
 - Education
 - Health
 - Desire/capability for children

What about if you are already in a relationship?

- Connect deeply with God.
- Break cycles of idolatry.
- Prayerfully evaluate what keeps you together.
- Make a God-centered commitment to either be together or apart.

Love is risky!

