

To Look or Overlook

(Finding your perfect match I)

FINDING - Message for you:

Boys/girls – know what

Mum - grand dad – teach

Singles – advice friends –
some keys to build rel

Look now – 1 in 2 - new deal

When I got married – look -

ideal – ordeal – new deal

Two common blunders –
Hollywood error and "heavenly"
'error'

Holly error:

– boy meet girl – holly style –

prom – eyes locked – sparks

fly – temp sour – ocean of

emo flows – live happily ever

after – greatest lie

Bollywood train

Boy met girl – shy - train

swerve – hand touched – spark

flies – dancing outside station

All passengers – back up

singers

Heavenly error – sit back –

just waiting – sky – marry

Harry – float in Mr Right

"I'm just waiting on God!"

Angels to write in the sky

"Marry Harry!"

Waiting for God to float Mr.

Right or Miss Right into your

window

God – give me a sign –

Gideon OT

Break – 3rd lady in dream

center

After break – meet her just

outside the cafe – 3rd lady -

wearing brown dress – that will

be my mate – happen to be

Grandma Shanti

Gideon – OT – now we have

the Holy Spirit inside of us

OT – filled with visions dreams

miracles but when it comes

to marriage – God respects
freewill

1 Corinthians 7:39 *A wife is
bound by law as long as her
husband lives; but if her husband
dies, she is at liberty to be
married to whom she wishes,
only in the Lord. NKJV*

To whom God will?

Does it say that – no – whom she
wishes

Never let dreams, prophecies or
signs compel you in the choice of life
partner.

Why does God wants us to choose
ourselves?

*Psalms 37:4 Delight yourself
also in the LORD, And He shall
give you the desires of your
heart. NKJV*

Honours - desires

Free will - not robots – no

choice loh – God say loh

*Prov 3:5-7 ... trust the Lord
completely; don't ever trust
yourself. 6 In everything you do,
put God first, and he will direct
you and crown your efforts with
success. TLB*

How does he help us to choose?

God honours – efforts – as we

trust – the principles from –

word – make decision

God wants – make responsible

decisions?

A bit of prob – blame God

Prince Charles – in his diary –

wrote – years ago

– sat in front of TV. Sat there for

hours – prog dull, lot of grey, no

music no dialogue, just a hazy

image of a frowning man in suit

sitting on a sofa staring back at

one. Wondering what in the

world people are so excited

about it. Until his butler came –

asked

Sir - would you prefer the TV to

be switched on. My advice

– My advice to anyone who has
taken the trouble to invest in a
TV is to first make sure you
have someone to come in and
switch it on for you.

EFFORT: Who make first
move?

Some men – bit dumb – Ok –

ladies move – Ruth.

What to look for?

What does God's Word has to
say

Why doe we need to really look now?

SOME Dating – tend overlook
weakness – **saw them - hope**

Sometimes, during courtship, we
see the weakness

– but hope one day after the
marriage, he will change

REV: Doesn't change now –
chances are not - sudah

If he doesn't change now – he is
more likely not to change later
already got you – sudah dapat

Safe assumption – double –
jerk

What he is today –after ma -
double

If during dating – sounds like a
jerk

He will be a double jerk after ma
– wont change

Now time to look – after ma –
over look

overlooking anointing

I do – for life – cov – blood shed
– ma consummated – class?

Respect your body! Watch out
for the philosophies

that comes out of TV programs,
as if, sex bef marriage is normal.

No it is not. Marriage act is a
covenantal act and must not be
entered in unadvisedly.

I. Look only at the book and
the look and may end up with
a crook

Look book crook

Why is it not right to just focus on the
look and the book?

Don't just focus on the Look

Phy attraction – can only sustain
few months but - **holly**

Hollywood actors and actress –
handsome and beautiful – yet walk in
and out of divorce

Girl – can be gorgeous – emo not
sound – ugliness surface

– but if she is emotionally not sound
– ugliness will surface

emotional baggage – **hurts**, needs of

attention - sensitivity – the ugliness
will emerge sooner or later

Beauti - hurts – attn – sensitive –
self cented – ma Cinder sis

Some – don't have the look –
know more – beauty emerges

Peo that don't look that attractive –
when you get to know them – look
more and more attractive

If go for look miss – lot of gd peo –
nose - both

If you make phy char major criteria
– **miss** a lot of wonderful peo along
the way

Nose so big

So what – Jacky chan also

Earn a lot

I want **BOTH** the look and the char!

20 years – more and more

Years ago – Finland

They say – Miss Finland – testimony
– look for a tall blond hair – blue

eyes beauty – after a few – shared –
pass mic – where testimony? – she
just shared – realised – Miss 30 yrs

ago.

Don't just go for the book

I mean the bank book

5 C's: cash, club, condo, credit
cards, car

Presents – not presence – fast
forward 30 rooms

Don't marry – just because rich

Guy can give you many presents –

not his presence

Fast forward few years – live in a

house 30 rooms – palace – **can't find**
him in any room

Rel that make place sweet –
palace - cold
20 rooms mansion - Don't have
any to really love – one cold
place
Place enhance by rel

Visited many castles and
palaces
Some 300 rooms – cold –
present – chose rather to stay in
a small apartment – open rest to
public

May not have 10 cars – in
Christ we **richest - turn**
We – in Christ – richest people
– turn any apartment into a
place of joy and happiness –
more blessed and richer than we
are aware of

What is the basic book to look at?
Proverbs 24:27
27 Finish your outdoor work
and get your fields ready; after
that, build your house.

27 Develop your business first
before building your house. TLB
**est career first, study hard – at
least able to raise a family**
**Do keep yourself neat and
presentable**

How to keep ourselves presentable?

Take care of personal **hygiene**
Some people – **open mouth –
talk - fall**

Smell – just came from galic
festival somewhere
I pray – I nearly fall – open
mouth - **drop**
For some - when open mouth
to receive new anointing – best
– you can do - drop a mint –
ADC carries mint

Yet say – praying - years
And yet they say - Pas I have
been praying for life partner –
many years
I don't have to go into spirit –
fast 40 days to know why – his
breath **stinks!**

Man should know to dress
properly – not necessarily
**branded - clean and smart –
matching** - Holy Spirit – said -
better taste

Eat and talk – basics – how use
**forks properly – spaghetti –
chew – don't swallow – walk
upright – not penguin**
Behave, eat and talk, like a
gentleman

Eat as if been starving for 40 days
Avoid **smoking** - no girl likes to
kiss an ash tray

Woman should learn to behave
like a wo – **pleasant- speak
gently not loud**

Don't **talk** – non stop
How many seen **couple** come for
ma counselling

– whenever you ask Q, the lady
first to answer – after a while – feel
like saying – woman, shut up – if I
am him – I will also divorce you

Good sense of **dressing** – not
over dress or underdress

Don't be **wrongly dressed** – 20's
Ladies in their **20's** – look like ah
soh

WORK - Take adv of **cosmetics**
Some would look better

A lot of Christians **missing out**
Thinking – spiritual – shandai
whole day – can attract right one

Pas - You trust in cosmetic?

Jesus
What is the problem
Not spiritual? Jesus has the best
perfume – Carey

How **much** does bible allow –
depend on face – common
sense

Need more – tap it on

Clean – smart – tidy

2. Look at the heart

1 Corinthians 5:9-11

9 I have written you in my letter
not to associate with sexually
immoral people- 10 not at all
meaning the people of this world
who are immoral, or the greedy
and swindlers, or idolaters. In that
case you would have to leave this
world. 11 But now I am writing
you that you must not associate
with anyone **who calls himself a
brother** but is sexually immoral or
greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a
drunkard or a swindler. With such
a man do not even **eat**.

Why must we be cautious with the
kind of friends we mix with?

Prov 13:20

20 He who walks with wise men
will be **wise**, But the companion of
fools will be **destroyed**. NKJV

Why **cautious?** Become **like**
the people you spend time with

destroyed – vision, purpose,
fut - **Rehoboam**

Sol' s son Rehoboam listen to the
wrong people

Proverbs 14:7

Leave the presence of a fool, Or
you will not discern words of
knowledge.

Result:

Not wise, not discerning

1 Samuel 16:7

7 But the LORD said to Samuel,
"Do not consider his appearance or
his height, for I have rejected him.
The LORD does not look at the
things man looks at. Man looks at
the outward appearance, but the
LORD looks at the heart."

*Character is the inner attitude
and value. It is different from
reputation. Reputation is what
people think of you. How you
appear on the outside.
Character is what you are on
the inside, when nobody is
around.*

Is he kind?

Proverbs 19:22a What is
desired in a man is **kindness** ...
NKJV

What are the little things that we
can see if a person is kind?

Observe if he is kind even in **little**
things

Small people – harsh – no
gratitude

– even those – granted - **pump
your petrol – paid?**

– you are also paid but you also
looking for some unexpected
blessings

– **he must do it what – ticker him –
counter people – make their day
with a tip – send him thinking – care**

When he **shop** – bargain a bit OK –
of course not **nuts** – let people
cheat – some – bargain – eat up
all trader's profits – **embarrass**
OK to leave let others earn – some
bargain – **embarrass**

Testimony – got 70% off. Some –
expected. OK – leave some margins
of profits

Why don't believe God – provide
more than enough

**OT law - Don't have harvest every
thing before you**

Special law in OT, when harvesting –
leave some leftovers – poor to gather
– setting the beautiful story of **Ruth**

Some eat: must eat everything

Some eat – have to – **African**
Finish it!

Think of people in Africa – India –
China

told this fr young – **wondered -
how help – esp when finish food**
Kids – OK

Some eat – kiasu - desert – free!

After meal – would you like to have
this – ice cream – desert - No –
included – oh yah bring all of it

Does he **respect** you and your
family.

Don't respect you now – once have
you completely

**Is he a habitual liar or man of
responsibility?**

Proverbs 19:22b ... And a poor
man is better than a liar. NKJV

Keeping on **lying** – forgive 3 or 4 – one more – dump joker – forgiveness is free 7 x 7 – just because - ma built on trust

One more time – that it Lying – esp – cannot be tolerated

Forgiveness is free but trust is earned

Just because you have forgiven someone – it does not mean you are to marry him – marriage must be built on trust

Is he a habitual *fault* finder or thankful?

James 3:16 For wherever there is jealousy and envy, there will also be unrest, disharmony (critical attitude) and all sorts of evil and low practices (fault finding, slander). AMP

Vile

What does it reveal about a person that is a habitual fault finder?

Habitual fault – one day

Complain on every thing – govt, parent, ch, one day – he will complain about you

Church: I don't like lighting – seats – usher – car park – missed the message

– failed to see Jesus – miss rev and insight that can bring the breakthrough for your life or business

Don't like pastor's tie colour, hair (miss)- Thk God he has hair

- miss the key message!

Critical - reveals his deepest

secret – insecure and full of envy

You got something – he doesn't – tear down – words – **criticise** – so that you don't possess or enjoy them, steal your joy

Car – ai yah – that car drink petrol

Bag – yah bought in Paris but China made only

When it comes to teaching on **PROS – greatest prob – not God – not unbelievers but reli believers**

UnB are drawn to success – you said – good news – people look – you – stinking, smelly, can't feed kids - no thanks – I don't want that good news

Jeremiah 33:9

9 Then this city will bring me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for it; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide for it.

Jesus – greatest problem - Phari

Rejoice – rejoice – greatest test of char

Easy to mourn

Tan Sri – Oh – this that

You got it I rejoice – add you one – publicly –honour That day – newspaper – so and so – but cheated

Private – still call you – name

Same with your father – you got a title – still call you Ah Chai

Some are so stuck and upset over one little thing and failed to enjoy what we do have.

Restaurant – upset – one little thing - extra

not right – upset – eating – way home - rob of enjoyable even Restaurant – angry w a rude waiter – grumbling all the way back home, Upset over a stupid waiter – now if you are so stuck up becous of a stupid waiter – what does it say about you! No better of than a stupid waiter!

Care – known add extra

ingredients – even urine and left over soap

Church great– always something not good – if perfect ch

Thanks – multiply

Grace not fail – lunch with prominent

Lunch – with a prominent

Why - Grace fail?

Why does grace appear to fail sometimes?

But you **may ask** --

– “I gave so much motivation to my staff – gave great bonus – salary increase – benefits – no change in att in staff”

Not because grace fail – think deserve – sacrifice for you didn't receive

sometimes people didn't receive your motivation as grace

– deserve – worked hard

– think whatever they receive – earn it – worked hard-sacrifice for you

How **ensure** grace not fail – heart of thanksgiving

J P – **shared** to the leaders

You are welcome – concern for their **char** – blessings - **multiplied**

Complain – multiply – bad things

Does he easily overlook an offence and forgive readily

Why is it important to see how he forgives others?

See way he forgive others and know how he will you forgive you

Does the relationship stand the quarrel test.

Premarital counselling – got a big quarrel - see how you handle

Have you had a real quarrel

Go and quarrel – find some fault

Normal – bit - if quarrel every other day – not normal – either - violated

Either – Char not match OR

getting very phy

One of major cause for conflicts in ma - Prema sex

Ask forgive – girl feel violated

A great marriage is not when the perfect couple comes together. It is when an “imperfect couple,” learns to enjoy their differences.

Dave Meurer, Reader's Digest

Real colour – bad part - still love?

Overlook?

Quarrel – see real colour

See the bad part of him – do you still love

We can over look because *God* overlook our weaknesses?

HOW does God overlook us?

Oh – easy – mercy of God? - boys

Father - Boy will be boys, angels, just swept it under carpet

He can't' – he will be unjust

1 John 2:2-3

2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. NKJV

Propitiation: Mercy seat - Covering our sins with the shedding of blood.

Sweep under carpet?

Covering for our sins – shed blood

Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins

Same word used for – mercy seat – cover the ark of covenant

– 10 commandment Rm 3 23; 6 23

, **Aaron's rod – picture of rebellion.**

In box – death

– hence, touch it – die

David's first attempt to bring ark to Jerusalem

Aaron's rod budded

– all other leaders' rods are barren.

Know them by their fruit. People can talk clever and even comment how to grow a church better – but look at their life. Are they fruits? In their work place and in their service.

HP sprinkled blood over the lid.

Blood that cover our sins

Jesus is the cover - propitiation

Isa 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

52 – marred beyond any human – not like human being

39 lashes - Leather strips attached with thorns and glass

can rip and tear skins - exposing ribs

Crown of thorns - skin split – exposing skull – blood flows all over

Ugly nails plunged through palm of hand and legs

When the cross raised

– whole wt of the body hangs on those nails – pain excruciating

The greatest pain – not physical pain – MY GOD

All our sins put – as if – imagine

When Jesus on cross, all our sins – on him - As if he has done all these

Imagine – take resp for all the murder, rapes, hatred, lie, evil, Person of absolute holiness and purity – become sin

Ultimate price – separated from God – you may be united back Jesus receive what we deserve that we may receive what Jesus deserves

God poured his entire wrath against sin – Jesus took resp

1 John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and **just** and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Because – what Jesus did – now

God's righteousness demands – forgiven

All need – receive his generosity

Owe Ah Long 100, Elisa paid 100,000 – overpaid

If I owe a loan shark 100 – Joseph Long – if Elisa came and paid 10 million – he **overpaid** for my debt Same way Jesus – overpaid!

– if still trying hard to run or pay – when already paid – dishonour what she did – insult her generosity

Christians do good work not to earn God's favour but out of gratitude to God and becos of the new nature we have in Christ.

Paid such a high price – diamond – precious – care

Purchased us with highest price - **Precious**

If someone pay \$100 mill for a diamond – he will make sure take care of the diamond – insurance – proper cell – guards nite and day

He became poor – prosperous

As end – Jesus is here

As we come to end of this service, every head bow, eye closed You know what – Jesus is here right now

Wherever you are – front – back Let me tell you

God is closer to you than your very breath

Need - peace

Have you come here with a need, Jesus loves you ...

He wants to fulfill that need

The whole world is talking about peace

Looking for peace

Let me tell you this – you cannot find peace – until first of all - the peace of God comes into your heart

One stand in way – sin - Bible – all sinned

Wherever you are right now – front, back, overflow, balcony The Bible – all sinned – fallen short of the glory of God

All need the blood to cleanse

Some – backsliders – SS – spouse – not interested in religion – rel - friend

Grown up in church – been through SS – don't have a relationship with God

Some come – because of – no experience with God

God is not interested in reli – friend – fellowship – walk

All need to do – invite - friend

Let me tell you - In a moment's time, God is going to come into your heart

All you need to do is to invite him

Decision – bring greatest blessings