

# Approaching Marriage from the Outside

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## I. Finding God's Will for My Life

### A. Level One Decisions

1. One question: is this dealt with directly in Scripture?
  
2. Example:
  - a. Theoretical possibilities
  
  - b. Does the Bible speak directly on this?
  
  - c. But...

### B. Level Two Decisions

## II. Finding God's Will for My \_\_\_\_\_... or \_\_\_\_\_... or \_\_\_\_\_

### A. Locate and Apply General Level One Guidelines

1. Gen. 2:20-24; Matt. 19:4-6
  
2. Matt. 19:9
  
3. 1 Cor. 7:39; cf. 2 Cor. 6:14
  - See “**Dating: when words and choices clash**,” at [Pyromaniacs \(teampyro.blogspot.com\)](http://Pyromaniacs.teampyro.blogspot.com)
  
4. Gen. 2:24; 24:5, 8

### B. Locate and Apply Specific Level One Guidelines

1. To you, brother:
  - a. You know God will expect you...
    - i. Eph. 5:25ff.
  
    - ii. Rom. 13:9; 1 Cor. 7:2-4
  
    - iii. Cf. Gen. 3:16 and Eph. 5:22
  
    - iv. Exodus 21:10-11; cf. 1 Tim. 5:8
  
    - v. 1 Pet. 3:7
  
    - vi. Deut. 6:5ff.; Eph. 6:4
  
  - b. And...
  
  - c. So you need to ask yourself:  
  
Exod. 20:12; etc.  
  
Heb. 13:7, 17  
  
Prov. 11:14; 12:15; 15:22; 27:6
  
2. To you, sister:
  - a. You know God will expect you...
    - i. Eph. 5:22

- ii. Rom. 13:9; 1 Cor. 7:2-4
  - iii. Gen. 2:18; Prov. 31:10-31
  - iv. Prov. 1:10; 31:26
- b. And...
- c. So you need to ask yourself:

Exod. 20:12; etc.

Heb. 13:7, 17

Prov. 11:14; 12:15; 15:22; 27:6

**C. Learn and Apply All the Wisdom Scripture Offers**

1. The green light character traits
  - a. About men
    - i. Prov. 1:7; 9:10
    - ii. Prov. 22:29
    - iii. Pro. 16:32
    - iv. ...and the wise, godly men in Proverbs
  - b. About women
    - i. Prov. 1:7; 31:30
    - ii. Prov. 31:13ff.
    - iii. Pro. 11:16; 12:4; 14:1a
2. The red light character traits
  - a. About men
    - i. Prov. 1:7; 9:10
    - ii. Prov. 10:4
    - iii. Prov. 25:28
    - iv. ...and every fool, drunkard and sluggard in Proverbs!
  - b. About women
    - i. Prov. 13:22; 14:1b
    - ii. Prov. 31:27 reversed; cf. 1 Tim. 5:13
    - iii. Pro. 11:16; 12:4; 21:9; 25:24; 27:15-16