

FIND YOUR SHOES

Shoes protect our feet from the hurtful perils of the outside world.

Shoes are sign of sonship. Luke 15:22

Shoes are for warfare. Ephesians 6:15

Shoes are for the journey.

1. They have to be good quality.

A. Don't confuse character with personality, gifting, and reputation!

Inner substance is more important than the outer appearance.

"A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart" (Matthew 12:35, NLT).

Character is revealed by what you do when no one is watching.

Character is revealed when pressure is applied.

Character is how you treat those who can do nothing for you.

Christian is like salt. Our presence is not felt but its absence makes everything tasteless.

B. Best way to attract a person with great character is to start working on your own today!

Your circumstances reveal your character.

Your choices make your character.

To blame your circumstances for your character is like blaming mirror for your looks.

2. They have to match.

A. Match in your gender. Every person needs a right and left shoe, every marriage needs a man and a woman.

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Genesis 2:24

2.2% of adult men who identify as gay in the US. 1.1% of adult women who identify as gay in the US.

61% of Americans are saying gay/lesbian relationships are morally acceptable (2017), 37% in 2009.

In June 26, 2015 US Supreme Court issued a ruling that granted same - sex couples a constitutional right to marry.

Homosexuality is popular but it can go against God's design.
It can't produce babies.

B. Match in your faith. Every person needs a right and left shoe from the same shoe type, every marriage needs a man and a woman from the same faith and convictions.

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. 1 Corinthians 7:39

Dress shoes. Casual Shoes. Boots. (Photo)
Flip-flop, sandals, slippers, and high heels...
Walk with God, run after Christ, Walk comfortably...

3. They have to fit.

A. One size does not fit all. You can have someone who matches you, but they don't fit you.

I don't believe that there is only one person in the world for you, the same way I don't believe there is only one pair of shoes in the whole universe that can fit you.

Anyone of the opposite sex, who is a follower of Jesus, is your potential. The real question is do they fit your life and assignment.

B. Like a key that goes perfectly into a lock and clicks open so God intended the romantic relationship to fit spiritually, match physically and click emotionally.

Emotional click has to follow spiritual fit and physical match.

Emotional click has to be tested with time, mentors, and peace.

"Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety." Proverbs 11:14

4. Take them to the cashier.

A. Sex before marriage is as wrong as walking out of a store with new shoes on, without paying for them first.

Put that relationship back in the box! That means propose and start moving toward the wedding day.

Once you get married, then you can open that box and wear those shoes for the glory of God!

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.
1 Thessalonians 4:3-6

B. God designed sex to supernaturally cement a husband and wife as one, which means you would be foolish to take it for a test drive.

Sex is like superglue! Therefore, if a couple has sex and separates, they will sustain significant damage to their hearts and bodies.

Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." 1 Corinthians 6:16

"Genital sex is an expression of intimacy, not the means to intimacy. True intimacy springs from verbal and emotional communion. True intimacy is built on a commitment to honesty, love and freedom. True intimacy is not primarily a sexual encounter. Intimacy, in fact, has almost nothing to do

with our sex organs. A prostitute may expose her body, but her relationships are hardly intimate.”

- Alice Fryling, “Why Wait for Sex?”

Donald Joy, a writer for *Christianity Today*, cited a study of 100,000 women that linked “early sexual experience with dissatisfaction in their present marriages, unhappiness with the level of sexual intimacy and the prevalence of low self-esteem.”

5. Repair, not return.

A. As a Christian, when your relationship begins to struggle, you don't go to a courtroom but to the throne room.

We seek help, not look for a newer model to upgrade.

B. You don't need a new spouse to have a new marriage; you just need a new attitude and some help.

Divorce is rarely the solution, even in cases where it's permitted biblically.

If a light bulb goes out in the bathroom of your house, you don't sell the house; you replace the light bulb.