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SINGLE Ladies

8 RED FLAGS to look out for if you think he might want to put a ring on it.

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1. DO YOU SHARE THE SAME CORE VALUES?

If you don't, then it is something you might want to think a little bit deeper about. It is extremely important that you both have the same moral compass that you use as a basis to chart life's course. Including, but not limited to, your expectations in marriage.

2. HOW DOES HE TREAT PEOPLE IN HIS WORDS, ACTIONS AND DEEDS?

How does he treat his mother and his sisters, does he value them and their opinions.

Family, but also people in general, especially those subordinate to him

If he treats the aforementioned people in a less than gracious manner. He may be on his best behaviour with you now, but you stand...

the chance of
being on the
receiving end of
this kind of
behaviour of this
kind of treatment,
afew years down in
marriage when
familiarity has set
in and his guard
drops.

3. HOW DOES HE HANDLE STRESS?

Does he have any control whatsoever over his emotions when he is angry, or does he just let loose and anything goes? Does he just withdraw into himself and you cant get a word out of him? From something as simple as bothed holiday reservations to the stress of office politics.

Are you always his fall guy (gal) for everything that doesnt work. It's always...

something you did
or did not do even
though he may
well apologise
later.

4. DOES HE HAVE ANY KIND OF AUTHORITY FIGURE IN HIS LIFE?

Any man you are thinking of riding off into the sunset with must have some kind of authority figure in his life (this does not necessarily have to be his biological father).

A mentor, someone he looks up to that can call him to order. It is not ever a good thing for any man to be a law unto himself. Having an authority figure...

among other things, shows an acknowledgement of the fact that he doesn't know it all, and is prepared to see things from another's (who is likely to more experienced) perspective

5. DOES HE MAKE YOU FEEL SAFE, NURTURED, AND CHERISHED?

Can you truly be yourself around him? Does he let you be you, but better? Does he bring out the best in you? Does he put you first, your needs, feelings, and comfort? Do you get the feeling that you are deeply and truly loved for who you are? Does he talk and brag about you to others, so you have his...

family, your
family, his friends
telling you how
much he loves
you?

6. IS HE A MAN OF INTEGRITY, IS HIS YES, YES, AND HIS NO, NO?

Look out for whether he follows through on the things he says. Do you constantly have situations where he tells you he'll be there at 8pm but he arrives at 11. Or he tells you he's going to point A but you later find out he actually was at point Z. Anyone who is faithful in little things, is more often than not faithful in big things.

7. CAN HE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU?

...and just as important, does he let you communicate your needs to him? This cannot be overemphasised, because living life comes into play in marriage. It's inevitable. At some point conflict must be resolved, discussion must be had, from the mundane to the more serious. If he's not talking now, he's not going to suddenly start talking then.

The attraction and excitement of dark mysterious and broody may not sit so well with you when you desperately want to discuss things close to your heart.

8. HOW DOES HE HANDLE MONEY?

Money, and the different approaches to it can be a serious bone of contention. Is he a spend-everything-we-have-more-will-come kind of guy, impulsive, extravagant or is he a penny-pincher, tight-fisted. How open is he with you about his financial affairs? Is he controlling and uses money as a form of control, a kind of...

benevolent
dictator. What are
his views on 'your
money', 'his
money', your
monies together.
Does he believe
there's anything
like that. Do you?

IN CONCLUSION

Whilst mentioned above are not, and should not necessarily be cast in stone. In my experience, they do not bode well for a strong, loving, and fulfilling marriage.

The truth is that any less than comfortable ways he relates to you before marriage are likely to be magnified and amplified when you are in the marriage. It is therefore very important to identify early what you can live with, or not as the case may be.



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COMMENTS
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