

## *The Message Notes*

**Series:** Dateology

**Message:** Prescription #3. Threefold Match for Marriage

**Text:** Genesis 2:7, 18

**Date:** April 25, 2021



**Genesis 2:7. (NLT)** Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living being.

**Genesis 2:18. (NLT)** Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

### **TALK:**

#### **Purpose of Dateology:**

**Dateology** was written with the intent to promote having a healthy dating relationship which would assist you in choosing the right person to marry. Dateology also helps you to protect yourself and the person you're dating from mishandling each other while dating.

**Prescription #1.** I recommend **before** you start dating to know the **purpose** for dating.

**Purpose for Dating** - A man and a woman meet for a **period of time** to **gather data** about each other, so they can make an **informed decision** if they're a **match for marriage**.

**Prescription #2.** I recommend you apply **biblical values** as your **standard** for dating the **right way**. Psalms 119:4-6

**Biblical values promote:** 1) **authority** of Scripture, 2) **abstinence** – sexual purity, and 3) **appeal** – piety – which dictates a healthy dating relationship.

**Prescription #3.** I recommend before you marry to assess the **threefold match** for marriage.

1. God created mankind \_\_\_\_\_ beings (body, soul, and spirit).

**Genesis 2:7. (NLT)** Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground (body). He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils (spirit), and the man became a living being (soul).

"God made us threefold beings: body, spirit, and soul."

2. God created us to match on \_\_\_\_\_: body, soul, and spirit.

**Genesis 2:18. (NLT)** Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

The words "*just right*" mean the "*right match*."

3. Threefold \_\_\_\_\_ for marriage – 3 levels of relationship:

A. **Spirit** match - assess if you match on a **spiritual** level. You want to assess a **spiritual match** in the following areas:

- 1) You're both God-centered and your **beliefs** in God govern your **behavior** (see Psalms 119:4-6).
- 2) You're the perfect **complement** for one another. Your purposes define how you will *do life together* in marriage.
- 3) You both practice similar **spiritual disciplines**.

B. **Soul** match - assess if you're a match on a **personal** level. You want to assess the **mind, emotions, and the desires**.

- 1) Assess the **mind** of the soul by **beliefs** and **character**.
- 2) Assess the **emotions** of the soul by **pleasure** and **pain**.
- 3) Assess the **desires** of the soul by **activities** and **ambitions**.

C. **Body** match – assess if you match on a **residential** level. You want to assess if you can *organize* your lives around living in the same home.

- 1) Where is the **place**? Where will you live? (Genesis 3:15)
- 2) What is our **purpose**? What is your purpose? (Genesis 1:26-31)
- 3) What are our **professions**? Can your livelihood provide for you? (Genesis 2:15-17)
- 4) What are our **principles**? Who will govern your home? (Genesis 3:16)
- 5) Who will live in our **presence**? Who will be your influencers? (Genesis 3:8-9)