

# Screening for a Wife: Methods (Part II)

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**Disclaimer:** *AWALT remains true. There is no 100% effective way to screen for undesirable female behavior. All women come equipped with both hamster and wheel. That said, the following post provides a framework to help screen out candidates who are most likely to be disloyal or otherwise unsuitable for marriage.*

## Assumptions

In the [previous post](#) we looked at the two foundational elements that need to be in place before you are able to effectively screen for a wife; worldview (mission) and abundance. This second part post assumes you understand and are actively developing a robust worldview and are cultivating abundance. Once you've established options, the question we are seeking to answer is: how do I screen for the *best* viable option?

## How to screen well

Before determining *what* to screen for, we need to discuss *how* to screen effectively. Effective screening requires collecting and analyzing relevant information about a potential candidate for a wife. You want this information to be as free from bias as possible. In the last post we covered how to protect yourself from *your own bias* (i.e., Oneitis) through abundance. Now we need to employ effective strategies for combating *her biasing* the information (i.e., pretending to be what she thinks you want her to be). There is no way to get 100% unbiased information, but with a thoughtful approach one can reduce the degree of bias considerably and garner enough reasonably objective information to make positive decisions.

## Methods

*The following is a list of considerations and techniques of gaining unbiased information to add to your tool belt. These skills, though fairly obvious and seemingly basic, can allow you to get a highly perceptive "read" on people. These skills extend beyond the Sexual Market Place and can give you an edge in the workplace, during interviews, and many other areas of life. In my career I have done hundreds (if not thousands) of interviews, and in another role I did some minor criminal interrogation. I used (and still use) these techniques frequently and can attest to their effectiveness. There are many more that could be added, these are simply ones that I have used to great effect; use what works, shelf the rest. Each item could be a post itself, so bare with the shotgun drive by. If you have questions, ask in a comment.*

**1) Try not to let on to your own beliefs.** The less she knows about your own convictions, the less she can bias her answers in a way that she believes you will agree with. If a girl knows you are against abortion and says she is too, you cannot know if she is genuine or seeking your approval. On the other hand, if you've never indicated your stance and she says she opposes child murder, that is a much more reliable piece of data.

**2) Don't interview her.** Not only is it not sexy, but if she is interested in you and feels like you are

interviewing her for the position of Wife / Sex Kitten, she will answer in ways that she thinks will please you. You don't want this. Don't rapid fire questions, space them out over time. Serious questions should be rare and on topic. Remember what she answers.

**3) Ask her the same questions again later.** By asking the questions again in a different setting and at a different time you can check for patterns of consistency. If she said she wanted a big family when you asked her around your friends, but then wants few kids, if any, around her friends, that is a Rosie O'Donald sized red flag.

**4) Watch what she does more than what she says.** This should be obvious, but actions speak louder than words. Words are cheap. If her actions do not line up with what she says, make a mental note of this as it can be a major data point. Sure, women often say one thing ("I like nerdy sweet guys") and then do another (Hooks up with bodybuilder Chad), there are degrees of inconsistency. If she says she is not a night person, but stays up super late to hang out with you, this could be a positive inconsistency where she is adopting your frame. On the other hand, if she says she doesn't like it when guys objectify her but she constantly wears super sexy outfits that leave little to the imagination, this can be a red flag.

**5) Make sure your questions are organic.** If you are having a conversation about favorite foods, and you throw out a question about her political leanings, you will raise her suspicions that she is being interviewed. Also, who does that? Don't be a sperg.

**6) Hang out with her when she is inebriated.** This obviously depends on your theological convictions, but a little liquor can loosen the tongue and lower inhibitions to the point where she may be more honest than she otherwise would be. This is often best done in a group setting or in public to prevent obvious sexual overtones. I've heard women admit amazing things after a couple drinks. If the woman you are screening becomes a completely different person when inebriated, you should be cautious. Sometimes people loosen up in a positive way, other times they may shock you with their "real" uninhibited self.

**7) Be less interested in *what* she believes, and more interested in *why* she believes it.** While women tend to be emotionally driven in their beliefs, logic, to varying degrees, still plays a significant role. The more logical a woman is, the easier her erroneous beliefs can be changed.

**8) Look for consistency in her "belief network".** If she believes animal cruelty is wrong, but abortion is okay, she isn't thinking coherently.

**9) Ask presumptive questions.** Don't ask, "Have you ever lied to someone you love?" but "What is the biggest lie you've told and got away with?" Don't ask, "Do you enjoy physical touch?" but "Where is your favorite place to be touched?" etc.

**10) Ask crazy / silly questions.** Keep it light, but pay attention. When she asks you in turn, answer in a silly way. "What would you outlaw if you were emperor of the world?" You: "Skinny Jeans!"

**11) Try to change her mind about something unimportant.** Is she teachable? If she can't be persuaded that *The Foo Fighters* is super over-rated and is actually a terrible band, can you expect to convince her of anything substantial?

## What to screen for

*Now equipped with the screening tools above, we can turn to the question of what qualities to be screening for. This list could go on forever, but here are some of the big ones that are both high scope in importance and readily ascertained.*

## Desirable qualities

**Low N Count** This should go without saying, but women who aren't accustomed to riding the CC and engaging in promiscuous behavior are less likely to engage in such behavior in the future.

**Teachability/Openmindedness** In our day, perhaps more than ever, good wives are made, not found. You want to find a woman who is flexible enough to adopt your frame without too much difficulty or protest, but isn't immature and "tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes." (Eph 4:14).

**Responsiveness to dread** A woman who sees you as the prize from the get go and fears losing you will be much happier in marriage. Dread is a tool and the more responsive she is to it, the less of it you may need to employ. That said, overly jealous behavior is just plain annoying, so there can be too much of a good thing with this one.

**Genuine Faith(tm)** Duh. This is r/RPChristians after all. There are many ways to screen for this, but you can't know the genuine article if you don't have a good understanding of your own faith, so start there. Keep in mind that many women have Genuine Faith(tm) but may be less articulate in explaining doctrine. That's usually okay, but if they resist theological teaching be very wary.

**Political agreeableness** Leftism is evil. 'Nuff said.

**Family oriented** She doesn't need a desire to compete with Octomom, but she should like kids and want her own. Better yet is if she has a history of babysitting, being a nanny, or caring for younger kids. If she doesn't want kids or hates the idea of being a parent, next her.

## Red Flags

**Too numerous to list** seriously, you'll know them if you see them. If you are unsure, post about it here and get outside perspective. If you have to ask, it's a good sign it's a serious red flag.

Finally, one quick rule of thumb when screening for a wife is this: "If it's not a 'Hell yeah!' then it's a no." Happy hunting, may the Lord be with you.

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## Comments

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SteelSharpensSteel • 6 points • 15 May, 2018 02:24 PM

"If it's not a 'Heck yeah!' then it's a no."

If SHE's not into you in a 'Heck yeah!' way, then it's a no. Don't waste your valuable time going after women who aren't into you. And it's perfectly ok if a woman isn't into you. They're allowed to have their preferences, same as you're allowed to have yours. Just move on.

I had put some advice on MRP a while back that might be helpful. Initial part is from MM:

### HAVE STANDARDS

Here is what it means to have low standards regarding women:

- I will take whatever I can get (which is not much).
- There is nothing special or unique about you; I settled for you because I have no other choice for sex. I'm grateful just to find someone who is willing to censored a loser like me; apparently that someone is you.
- Being with me makes you feel common and used.

Instead, demonstrating to a woman that you have standards conveys this:

- I have a lot of choice when it comes to women. I am accustomed to success with women.
- If I do take a liking to you, it is more than just for your looks. It is because you are a special and unique person who lives up to my high expectations.
- I will only be with a quality woman, and that's what you are.

Remember, women have antennae for this sort of thing. They can tell which way you lean, and they will feel the resulting emotions. The average guy approaches a woman assuming that she is selective, and he hopes to pass her test. He thinks, God you are so hot. Do you have a boyfriend? Can I buy you a drink? Because of this attitude, subtle cues in his behavior will convey entirely the wrong frame. Her hardwired attraction circuitry will pick up on this, and she will lose interest.

Correspondingly, the opposite is true if you have standards: Subtle cues in your behavior will set the frame that you are a selective, high value guy. She will pick up on this and gain interest. She expects that a guy with potential will be selective. Here are some standards worth considering:

- An attractive woman who takes care of herself
- A woman who is sociable and has friends
- A woman who has a real thirst for life
- A woman who has a great energy and a positive outlook
- A woman who is not a flake
- A woman who is in touch with her own sensuality; she's not a baby anymore
- A woman who can seek after her own fulfillment instead of waiting for approval from her friends
- A classy and smart woman with an education
- A woman who is adventurous and has a great imagination

I would also add on to these the following:

Same religion, if that matters to you. For me it did.

No single moms. Despite the feminine imperative saying that single moms are a-ok, my gut told me there were plenty of single women out there that didn't have kids.

A woman with a job/career, or working toward one (in grad school, for example). Don't marry someone who is lazy. You're not lazy, why should your spouse be.

A woman with a good family and a good relationship with that family.

A woman who is hot and works out, and has a history of taking care of herself.

A woman who is fiscally responsible and has lived on their own, showing that they can manage a household and know the value of a dollar. My wife and I both had places of our own and lived on our own before we met. Also, it's not about how much you make, it's about how much you spend. Don't marry a spender.

A woman who has the mom gene. Some women have it more strongly than others, but some don't have it at all. If she can't even take care of herself, how can she take care of herself and kids.

A woman without mental problems. Don't be Captain Save-A-well you know.

Low n-count, for a whole host of reasons already discussed.

Only go out with women who are INTERESTED in you. Easy to say, hard to discern.

Minimally, I wanted my future wife to have at least a college degree. Education is important.

Intelligence and EQ are also important in a wife. Intelligence gets passed down to sons and daughters, and EQ is also key to success as well.

OsmiumZulu[S] • 3 points • 15 May, 2018 08:33 PM

Good stuff by and large.

- A woman who is not a flake
- A woman who is in touch with her own sensuality; she's not a baby anymore

These two stood out to me. A year or so after graduating college I went on a few dates with one of the token "Hot Girls" from my high school. She was one of those smoking hot all american girls that the majority of my peers would have given their left nut to be seen with. There was mutual attraction, but she was so ridiculously flaky with everyone in her life that I decided to next her. Disrespect for someone else's time is such an unattractive quality.

As for a woman who is in touch with her own sensuality, I wholeheartedly agree. My wife's love language is touch and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Red-Curious • 2 points • 15 May, 2018 02:45 PM

This is some grade-A advice here.

Whitified • 4 points • 15 May, 2018 04:19 PM

1. Feign sympathy for feminist/misandric beliefs,
2. Wait for her "Chameleon" to take over
3. ???
4. Next

BayAreaRPChristian • 3 points • 15 May, 2018 04:53 AM

This is so valuable. Saved.

Red-Curious • 2 points • 15 May, 2018 05:02 AM

Excellent post! I'm reminded of the three things to look for in a potential disciple: faithful, available, and teachable. If you can get all three in one person you can mold them to become anything. This is true for prospective wives. And to be clear, "faithful" doesn't mean sexually pure (though that's good too); it means that they will apply what they learn from you rather than tossing another brick in their knowledge pile.

Some of the conversational techniques here are really fun to employ and can have a lot of value even for married men.

cornthians12345 • 2 points • 15 May, 2018 12:40 PM

I'd also add that screening should (in depth at a later stage) include her family and friends. A broken home, bad role models, nutjob siblings, father complex etc. is something to take into consideration. Same thing with friends: How long has she had them (=is she able to sustain healthy relationships over time?), what kind of people are they, what kind of influence will they be and how does she behave around her.

OsmiumZulu[S] • 1 point • 15 May, 2018 02:04 PM

Agreed 100%

RedPlanetMan • 1 point • 15 May, 2018 05:00 PM

Great post! Could you expand on presumptive questioning?

OsmiumZulu[S] • 8 points • 15 May, 2018 08:24 PM

Presumptive questioning is all about assuming a behavior or belief within the question, rather than asking the question directly. It is an investigative technique commonly employed in journalism and criminal interrogation.

Not, "Are you on drugs?" but "What drugs are you on?" Not, "Did you steal the bike?" but "What were you going to do with the bikes you stole?" Not, "Did you hit him?" but "Help me understand why you hit him?" Not, "Have you ever read my private messages?" but "When you read my private messages, what did you expect to find?"

Etc. Etc.

Let's look at a hypothetical example. Imagine you are screening a potential wife. You are interested in her sexual history and whether or not she is a virgin. You could ask a direct question: "Are you a virgin?" or a presumptive question: "When you first had sex, how old were you?"

The problem with the direct question is that you are forcing her into a binary response, "Yes" or "No". This tends to reveal your *actual* intent behind the question (that virginity is important to you) and places her in a position where being honest about her lack of virginity will cost her by disappointing you. Even then, is she is honest and answers that she is not a virgin, you've set her up to feel pre-judged by her admission. Since you likely cannot know whether or not she actually is a virgin, you are placing her in a position where she has something to lose by telling the truth, and little to gain by being honest.

On the other hand, the presumptive question: "When you first had sex, how old were you?" improves your odds of getting an honest response. First of all, she may answer automatically without giving it any additional thought because the surface of the question is about something neutral (age) rather than virginity. Additionally, it appears that you know far more than you actually do. She may think that you somehow found out about her sexual history, so you'd catch her if she lied about it. This is a legitimate disincentive to

being dishonest.

Further, because your question suggests that you know she is not a virgin, she is able answer more honestly without fearing that your view of her will change. After all, you already "know" she has had sex before, so how bent out of shape could you really get if she is honest? This dramatically lowers the cost to providing an honest response.

Using these sorts of "leading" or presumptive questions in my personal life and career has been tremendously enlightening. You'd be amazed at what people will admit if they think you already know something about them.

Hope that sheds some light on it.