

SEXY FRIEND: DESIRING YOUR MATE

Authentic Friends

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Sexy Friend: Trustworthy, attractive and desires good for you

Genesis 2:18-25 (New Living Translation)

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." 19 So the Lord God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. 20 He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him.

21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep.

While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

23 "At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'" 24 This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. 25 Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

1. God designed the _____. *Genesis 2:23*
2. God designed the _____: *Genesis 2:24*
 - a. Complementary opposites. *Genesis 2:18*
 - b. Uniquely committed to one another. *Genesis 2:24*
 - c. Authentic, intimate, lifelong companions. *Genesis 2:25; Malachi 2:14*
3. God offered a great _____ to the couple. *Genesis 1:28*

4. _____ entered the picture; now we are natively:
 - a. Selfish, in a power struggle. *Proverbs 22:15; Genesis 3:16*
 - b. Arrogant. *Ecclesiastes 9:3*
 - c. Harmful. *Ecclesiastes 9:3*
5. You can grow your relationship.
 - a. Like a beautiful flower, an intimate relationship: *Proverbs 19:22*
 - Needs the right soil—_____.
 - Requires intelligent _____ over time.
 - b. You must learn how to:
 - Understand the opposite sex.
 - Care for and protect your relationship.
 - Detect and stop your bad attitudes and manipulative strategies *before* they go into play.
 - Work through problems together.
6. The biggest challenge is our "_____." *Matthew 15:19*
7. God gives a _____ heart with new possibilities. *Ezekiel 36:26-27; Galatians 5:22-23*

HOW TO ESTABLISH A SPIRITUAL BASE FOR MY LIFE:

Believe Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and proved He was God by coming back to life. *1 Corinthians 15:2-4*

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