

Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?

Posted by NOYA - 22 Nov 2015 01:32

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Hi everybody, it's been a long time. I have a lot to say, and it mostly doesn't have to do with acting out directly, but I feel this is a decent forum for my question.

I have been dating a few years, around 100 girls. Usually I just don't connect with girls so it ends up being a one and done.

The few times I felt a real connection it didn't end up working out in the end because the girl said no. In those situations the girls weren't great looking, just like okay pretty.

I have also dated some really beautiful girls, but interestingly, never really hit it off with them and didn't feel a connection.

Therefore I intellectually understand that the most important thing in a relationship is personality and emotional attraction. Looks are not as important.

I started dating a girl about a month ago. On our first date I opened the door and was like (in my head of course), "Oh great, guess my night is wasted." She was not terrible looking, but really gawky skinny and not my style. The night went on though, and she was really great, so I went for a second date.

Now we're talking about getting married, and I thought that I was over the looks mishugaas. After all, the truth is I am attracted to her and can see myself with her. But it's so hard for me to shake the fact that she isn't physically beautiful.

It's especially annoying because with the other girls I was interested in marrying, maybe they were marginally better looking but nothing too significant.

I think looks has been super ingrained into my psyche and subconscious as a very important

thing. We're basically given thousands of reminders over our lifetimes from every direction - movies, billboards, magazines, even the Torah. Girls are like identified by their beauty and sort of associated as being "good" because of it. Even in the Torah there seems to be a big emphasis on physical beauty being important (Rachel Imenu comes to mind) and associated with being good.

I know it's crazy and that I probably should just go for it and will be happy with her, but this really is bothering me. An additional thing that I realized I subconsciously do is look at friends' wives and sort of assess based on their wives attractiveness. "Oh, he did really well. She's beautiful." "Wow, I feel bad for that guy because of his ugly wife. Yuck." Maybe part of me is self conscious about the wife I pick for the same reason. I don't want to be on the receiving end of the "nebbich assessment." But maybe the nebbich assessment is just in my head. Maybe I'm the only one doing this kind of thing?

It's weird because I have a healthy self esteem with all other aspects of my life. This is like the only thing I'm self conscious about. I guess I'm looking for some advice and some reassurance that I won't regret going ahead with the shidduch, that I'll be able to get over these bothersome feelings. If somebody went through the same thing that would be really helpful.

I asked my rebbe and he dismissed me for being an idiot, so guess I'm looking for someone a little more sympathetic lol.

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?  
Posted by stillgoing - 15 Dec 2015 19:06

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abe2710 MAZEL TOV!!!!

i want you to know that i also dont think that my wife is the best looking in town and i was a little unsure what to do about it during shidduchim but the shiduch went ahead anyway somehow. And now.... she makes me the happiest ever! since no one here knows me i feel safe saying that we really love each other and we have a really deep relationship

i cant thank Hashem enough for sending her my way!

Hashem should bless you with a really happy marriage

I think I might know you! I once met a guy who had a happy marriage! Just kidding - don't panic, but we need more people saying that marriage is good. When I got engaged my mind was full of all of those cynical marriage jokes that I always heard. I gotta admit that It made me kinda nervous..

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?  
Posted by NOYA - 17 Dec 2015 13:33

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@stillgoing and sclarax

Thanks so much everybody for the posts! Some people apparently missed my post that I got engaged, so again, I got engaged, woo!!!

I am so happy and know I made the right move. I really appreciate the advice about looks, and honestly I really think my kallah is beautiful now anyway.

May you all feel as happy as I feel right now!

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?  
Posted by markz - 17 Dec 2015 14:16

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i just karma'd someone else a minute ago, so the system doesn't allow me to give you a +. KOT

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