

Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?

Posted by NOYA - 22 Nov 2015 01:32

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 cordnoy - 25 Nov 2015 16:27

[Shlomo24 wrote:](#)

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[Lizhensk wrote:](#)

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?
Posted by Lizhensk - 25 Nov 2015 17:50

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Posted by Lizhensk - 25 Nov 2015 17:51

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?
Posted by NOYA - 14 Dec 2015 01:59

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?
Posted by markz - 14 Dec 2015 02:07

Mazel Tov!!

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?
Posted by cordnoy - 14 Dec 2015 02:18

Wow.

Great news!

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Only simchos.

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?
Posted by Bigmoish - 14 Dec 2015 02:39

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 14 Dec 2015 04:29

MAZEL TOV!!!

Wishing you a wonderful life together Ad Meah V'Esrim!!

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?
Posted by yiraishamaim - 14 Dec 2015 04:36

How exciting!

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?
Posted by Shlomo24 - 14 Dec 2015 15:12

WOAH! OMG! AMAZING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! You should build a bayis ne'eman b'yisrael and have only simchos.

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?
Posted by gibbor120 - 14 Dec 2015 19:56

MAZAL TOV!

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?

Posted by markz - 15 Dec 2015 03:53

[NOYA wrote:](#)

Mazel tov, I'm engaged! Thanks everybody for your help. Helped me get clarity.
Hey where's the vort taking place??

That was a cool way of hiding your GREAT accomplishment of 90 days WooHoo

You'll ??? have a MUCH more successful marriages with this in your back pocket

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?

Posted by sclarax - 15 Dec 2015 14:53

It been a few weeks since you posted. I wonder which direction you have gone.

I will speak from experience, being a 67 year old BT, a teenager in the wild '60s, and with too much worldly experience which is only balanced with a few recent years of serious Torah study.

First thought is from Ashes Chayil, "Beauty is vain....but a woman who fears HaShem, that's the girl for you." Don't ever, ever even desire to marry a woman who is movie-star gorgeous. It is so likely she has been spoiled by people's attention to her superficial looks that she will never get over it.

Second is a great line from a Rhythm and Blues song of the 60's.

"If you want to be happy for the rest of your life,

Just make an ugly woman your wife,

So from my personal point of view,

Get an ugly girl to marry you."

Not really ugly is the message, but a plain looking girl you are drawn to is worth millions more than

a seemingly gorgeous one who will drive you crazy for the rest of your life.

Third, you don't really know if a woman is beautiful physically until you are in the marriage bed.

Much about a woman is hidden by clothes, and many man have had their socks knocked off when they realized the beautiful woman HaShem had given them.

Fourth, every woman is beautiful beyond measure, you just have to fix your eyes on that aspect of her which is particularly beautiful and remain focused on it. The corollary is that every woman, even a movie star is ugly in some aspect of her physical appearance. It is important to do tikkun ainayim so you always focus your sight on that which is most beautiful about your finance or wife.

Fifth, I heard from a very wise man who knew woman on a deep level that it is the woman who appears at first glance to not be so beautiful that ends up the most attractive woman in your life.

Sixth. Attraction means everything, and if you let physical beauty take precedence over attraction, you will end up with a 'trophy' wife with no joy in the best parts of marriage. Attraction mixed with love and respect can lead to lifelong chemistry that helps a marriage go through rough times.

Seventh. Every man is terrified of making the marriage comittment. Soldiers in the USA who had to parachute out of a plane in the middle of the night with no ground in site would yell "Geronimo" and leap. Geronimo was a fearless Apache Indian chief. Perhaps we Jewish men should yell "Macabbi" and then propose. Woman want to marry a hero. Make yourself one. It takes courage to listen to your highest inclination and trust that the future will be blessed.

Eighth. To go beyond nature, I quote a great Rav I recently heard on Hannukah. He said the

problem with the Greek culture versus the Jewish culture is that the Greeks saw Holiness in Beauty. They worshiped it and modern society still does. The White House is lined with Greek columns. Get it?

The Jews saw and still see Beauty in Holiness. If you meet a woman with HaShem in her heart, with holiness in her midot, run, don't walk to the Chuppah. Marriage won't always be smooth, but it will always help you grow closer to HaShem with that kind of wife.

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Re: Am I crazy - dropping a shidduch?
Posted by stillgoing - 15 Dec 2015 17:02

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MAZEL TOV! May you be zocha to build a bayis n'emem b'yisroel.

If I may point out two quick points. (quick because I usually don't have the patience to read long posts here, so I assume neither do most people).

#1, As important as It may be, Marriage is really really really, not about the looks. Of course you already knew that (Like you wrote), but my point is that although it may be on the list of things to look for (for some/many people) but there are many other so much more important attributes that are necessary. Emotional health, middos, physical health, [desire to grow], If these things are lacking, then although the looks may be the best around, the husband will likely not get to enjoy them. And if these things are present, then the marriage can be so super (with work -!!!! like ALL marriages) that the looks issue will take a seat so far back that you need to look in the rear view mirror to remember the problems.

and

#2 "*emotional attraction*" as you wrote is indeed a big part of marriage, but In my experience, it

