

10 Commandments of Dating

8th Commandment- Thou shalt not ignore warnings

*What was the major mistake of the Titanic?
-ignored warning signs

*Because couples never got to know their mate AND ignored warning signs, they find themselves in horrible marriages.

I. 6 Deadly Signs

A. ABUSE

1. are they overly aggressive
2. are they destructive
3. this can be verbal or physical

*there is NO excuse or justification for abusing someone

*if it happens once it WILL happen again; and worse

B. ADDICTIONS

1. are you willing to financially, and socially support that habit?
2. that addiction will come before you

C. INFIDALITY

1. "once a CHEATER, always a CHEATER"
2. you will never be able to regain that TRUST

D. IRRESPONSIBILITY and IMMATURITY

1. you will have to "make up" for where they lack
 2. they will drain you as you pay for their mistakes
- How can these 2 things be so important?

E. No physical attraction

F. Unresolved EMOTIONAL BAGGAGE

1. don't grab someone who's "on the rebound"
2. they me in a "vulnerable" stage and not be ready yet

III. Benefits of Keeping This Commandment

- A. Avoid being "stuck" in a "dead end" or hurtful marriage
- B. Have a better chance of finding Mr./Mrs. Right by "weeding out"
- C. Not have to worry about your mate "down the road"

Proverbs 27:17- *"As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."*