

Questionnaire: What Do I Believe about Relationships?

Directions: For the following statements, circle how much you believe each statement to be true with 5 being the absolute truth and 1 being a lie.

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| 1. “I can fix someone” | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| - This means that you believe if you date someone with many flaws that you will be able to change them | | | | | |
| 2. “He will be different with me” | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| - This means that you believe your crush acted a certain way because of who he was dating and that he will be much better with you | | | | | |
| 3. “I’m better than his last girlfriend” | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| - You believe his last girlfriend didn’t know how to treat him and your relationship will be much better | | | | | |
| 4. “It doesn’t matter if he’s not a Christian” | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5. “All guys care about are looks” | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 6. “Dressing provocatively will only attract guys close to my age” | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 7. “Being physical in a relationship will help the relationship grow” | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 8. “If he says he loves me, our relationship will last forever” | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 9. “It doesn’t matter if my family doesn’t like him” | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 10. “Setting physical boundaries doesn’t matter” | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

Results: I hope all of your scores were a 1 or 2 at the highest. All of the statements listed above are lies that girls believe about relationships. Here's the truth:

1. You cannot fix someone or inspire them to change. Only God can do that and you are not God.
2. He will most likely not be different with you. Past behavior predicts future behavior. If he was like that in the past, chances are he will continue to be that way.
3. You may be better than his last girlfriend, but that's not an excuse to believe that your relationship will be better than his last one.
4. LIE. Yes it does matter if he's a Christian. The Bible says that we are not to be "unequally yoked", meaning that our strongest relationships should all be with Christians. (2 Corinthians 6:14)
5. This statement may be true initially. However, if a guy is any sort of a decent human being, he will care about much more than the way you look. Guys who only care about looks are shallow and looking for an easy girl.
6. Dressing provocatively attracts most EVERY male over the age of 14. Even 90 year old grandfathers. If the skin you're showing isn't on the menu, keep it covered up. You are treated the way you are dressed.
7. Being physical in a non-marriage relationship will not strengthen the relationship. In fact, it will destroy it faster.
8. Teenage relationships are not designed to last forever. Even if he says he loves you, you will still most likely break up one day.
9. It DOES matter if your family doesn't approve. Your parents have likely poured the better part of 16 years into raising you and they have a good radar for losers. If your family doesn't approve the relationship probably isn't a good one; you just can't see it, or choose to ignore it.
10. Setting boundaries is crucial in any dating relationship. You don't want things to "just happen" because you didn't think it was a big deal. Then later you find out you have an incurable sexually transmitted disease that will affect the rest of your life.