

测试十、你的未来充满对方吗？

现在是最后一个测试：你的未来充满对方吗？每一个女孩都会梦想自己的婚礼。不是每个女孩都会有一个美丽的婚礼，但是没有人不想有一个美丽的婚礼。婚礼是一个复杂的计划和准备的过程。有许多事情需要做。

首先是时间和地点。当然，没有比自己的教会更好的地方了。然后是伴娘和婚纱，客人名单和蛋糕，是否需要花童和拿戒指的小男孩。什么人来唱歌。太多要计划的事了。

但是有一件事却没有横向选择。当你穿着婚纱，走过长长的过道，那个英俊的男士站在那里，骄傲地等着你这个特殊的人的到来。当你思考未来的时候，他的脸总在你眼前出现，挥之不去。

当然，一般男士不会承认对婚礼太在意。不过这倒无所谓。他们的头脑会往前更进一步，出现一个小木屋，上面结满了葡萄藤，你们两个人将它叫做“家”。男士的思想往往集中在地方上，当一天的劳累之后，你们在哪里，年轻人带着午餐插回家。那个在门口迎接他的带着甜甜酒窝人儿就是你，他未来的女孩。当他思想要稳定下来的时候，总是想到那个特殊的人——你。

让我们再看看关于未来。跟我到婴儿室去。一边是那个甜甜的亲爱的女婴，你知道吗？她看起来和你一摸一样。在另一边，有一个婴儿床，里面有一个胖胖的小男婴，他看起来和爸爸一样。就是这样了，你未来的家。已经在你的心里了，尽管还没有具体实现。但是有一点是千真万确的，除非那个特别的女孩，或者某个特别的男士，他/她是你的未来。

爱就是这样的。每个人都会做梦。没有人永远活在现在。时光流逝，总是这样同样的问题：“我们下个暑假干什么？”，或者，“我们什么时候去这里或者那里？”这是智力的特点。因此，真爱一个特性就是对未来计划，而你的这个计划就包括你爱的人。

我不是说每一个想法都要蓝图化。这往往需要多年的生活和实践，但是想法是在那里的。就你的未来而言，除非你爱的人在里面，否则就是不理想的。

对某些人来讲，未来是令人恐惧的。他们害怕那些不确定的日子会带来什么。当然，这是有道理的。因为生活本身就是有起有伏。天空并不总是蓝色的。另外，有父母和朋友等前人的生活可以借鉴。这对于未来给了我们一些确据。

但是如果一个人陷入真爱，就会对未来充满勇气。假设有灰色的日子，但是因为他/她的存在，你们可以一同面对。如果二人牵手同行，未来就没有什么可怕的。

所以知道了。这个测试对你意味着什么？你会对你感兴趣的这位男士说，如果他握着你的手，未来就没有什么可怕的？或者年轻人，你愿意承认，只要和这个特别的女孩在一起，面对未来，你有勇气像一头勇敢的狮子？如果你的回答是确定的，那么这显然可以表明你的爱是真爱。

未来是充满了不确定性。这样更好。如果我们知道所有问题的答案，生活就不会那么有趣了。但是这种真爱的特质帮助我们克服对未来不确定性的恐惧。当爱在的时候，我们不需要害怕明天会怎样，因为你们彼此拥有，在这种合一中，不管明天怎样，你们都可以有勇气安然面对。

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诚实地给自己打分，“是”得10分，“不是”得0分，“是”和“不是”之间得5分。

如果你的得分大于等于75分，那么很有可能你是真的在恋爱，因为这么高的得分还会不断增加。相反，如果得分在75分以下，那么就有些可疑了。

如果你得了满分，那么恭喜！你可以开始筹备婚礼了，特别如果对方的得分也很高的话。

Test Number Ten

Is Your Future.....

Here's the last test...do your future plans take him in? Every girl dreams much about her forthcoming wedding. Not every girl gets to have a beautiful ceremony, but there isn't one who wouldn't like to have it so. The wedding is such a time of planning and preparation. There are so many things to be done.

There are the time and the place. Of course, no place lends itself as well as the home church. Then there are the bridesmaids, and the wedding gown, and the guest book and the cake, and whether or not you're going to have the ring bearer as well as the flower girl, and who's going to do the singing. There's much to decide.

But of one matter there is no latitude of choice. When you march prettily down that long, long aisle, that handsome young fellow who will be proudly awaiting your coming is none other than this very special, certain person. It just is impossible for you to think of the future without his face filling the whole horizon.

The fellows, of course, don't admit thinking too much about a wedding ceremony. It's all right, to be sure, but their thoughts forge ahead to that little vine-covered cottage that both of you are going to call home. Their thoughts are on the place, where, after the toil of the day is through, the young man swinging his lunch bucket is winding his way homeward. That sweet dimpled person who meets him at the door will be none other than you... the girl of his future. Whenever he thinks of settling down, it's always with this very extra special person...you.

Let's look again into the future. Come with me now to the nursery. Over on one side there's that sweet, darling little baby girl of yours, and do you know, she looks just like you. Over on the other side of the nursery there's another crib with a little chubby bundle of love, and this little laddie looks just like you, his dad. There is your future home. Already it's worked out in your heart, even though it's not materialized. But there's one thing that's dead sure, it's off unless that certain girl is there or unless that certain fellow is there. He's (she's) your future.

...Filled with Him?

Love is like that. Everyone is a dreamer of sorts. No one ever lives entirely in the present. It's always, "what'll we do next summer?" or "when will we bring this or that to pass?" That's a quality of intelligence. Therefore, one of the marks of true love is the insistence of the inclusion of that certain person in all your future plans.

Oh, I don't mean to say that the whole idea is blue-printed. This often takes years of living and doing, but the ideal is there, nevertheless. It's the ideal that as far as your future is concerned it just can't be that which it ought to be, unless your beloved is included. See?

The future is frightening to some people. They're afraid of what the unfolding days and years may bring, and of course there is some truth to that, for life does have its downs as well as ups. And skies are never always blue. There are, furthermore, the very pertinent examples of the lives of the parents and of observable friends. This brings a certain amount of concern for future days.

But if one is truly in love there is a courage generated thereby. Suppose there are gray days. If he is there, I won't be afraid. Suppose some rain does fall in my life. If she is there, we'll face it together. The future need never be frightening if the two of us can walk through it hand in hand.

There you have it. How does this test meet you? Would you say regarding this young man in whom you're interested that nothing which tomorrow might bring would be too frightening if you had hold of his hand? Or to you, young man, could you truthfully admit that you'd be as bold as a lion in all the years to come with the sweet support of this particular girl in whom you're interested? If your answer is in the affirmative, then this certainly can be a mark of the trueness of your love.

Futures are of necessity unknowns. It's better that way. Life wouldn't be nearly as interesting if we knew all the answers. But this quality of love helps to take away from the future's frightening uncertainty. When love is present there's no need to fear what the tomorrows may bring, for you have each other, and in this union of spirits there is great strength to face whatever the tomorrows may bring.

Let me turn again to the deeper side of this whole matter. Does the Lord Jesus Christ fill your future? Is His blessed face seen on the horizon of your every tomorrow? Do all your plans for life include Him?

And I'm not thinking only of a future in Heaven, I'm thinking also of the rest of your years upon this earth. For instance, after you get through school and take a job, is He going to be your number one partner? When the wedding is over and you've established your home, is Christ to be the first Guest always? If God graciously places in your arms some little darlings that will bear your image, will your first thought be to dedicate them unreservedly to Him?

Or perhaps in the matter of a lifework, is your Lord to have the first opportunity to choose what you shall be doing? Are you convinced that life is poorly spent no matter how successful in the world's viewpoint, unless it adds honor and glory to Christ?

You do see, don't you, how utterly impossible it is to give Christ any other place than the first place. Someone has said, "He must be Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all." It must be first or none. But it's, oh, so valuable to give Him the first place and His loving beneficence will sweeten all the days of your years.

But life must come to a close as everyone fully knows. This world is not our home and we're just passing through. There will be the day when we stop breathing earth's atmosphere to begin breathing Heaven's. There must come the day when eyes will close upon earth's scenes to open onto heavenly scenes. What then?

Do you think of Heaven merely in terms of golden streets and pearly gates? Is Heaven in your mind only a place of the strumming harps and the resting of tired bodies? Or do you see Heaven with the face of our Lord superimposed upon it? Is Heaven Heaven because Christ is there? Does your earnest desire center in being with Him and throughout eternity's unchanging eons feasting upon the riches of the glory of His Person? Is your future filled with Christ? If so, it could be that you're in love...with Him.

Take This Test...

How about grading yourself? First, place the name of the person here....., and then ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I think of him (her) constantly? Yes.... No....
2. Do I long to be with him (her)? Yes.... No....
3. Do I have faith in him (her)? Yes.... No....
4. Do I want to do the things that please him (her)? Yes.... No....
5. Am I concerned about my appearance and conduct? Yes.... No....
6. Do I feel free to talk everything over with him (her)? Yes.... No....
7. Do I want to please his (her) people? Yes.... No....
8. Do I want to bring him (her) gifts? Yes.... No....
9. Do my present plans center in him (her)? Yes.... No....
10. Is my future filled with him (her)? Yes.... No....

Grade yourself on the basis of 10 for a complete “yes” and 5 for a partial “yes.”

A “no” is of course zero. Be honest.

If your grade is 75 or more there’s real hope, for grades this high have a habit of increasing. Under 75 the cause is doubtful indeed.

If you can grade a perfect score... better start planning on wedding bells.

Especially if he (she) grades high too.

Don’t fail to take this test on the basis of your love for Christ too.

We hope you’ll have a perfect score here too.

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