



Purpose, Values & Compatibility

Six Alignment Principles for Healthy Relationships

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Our Key Thought Today

Love alone is not enough — **alignment** sustains relationships.



Amos 3:3 NKJV

Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

What is **agreement**?

Harmony of people's opinions, actions or character.



1. Attraction, Chemistry & Compatibility

- Attraction – what you notice
- Chemistry – how you feel
- Compatibility – how you live
(Compatibility sustains relationships)

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**“What attracts you is not
always what sustains you.”**

ANDY STANLEY





Alignment Principle One

The Principle of Discernment:
(Attraction, chemistry & compatibility)



2. Shared Faith, Values & Vision

- Alignment is shared direction
- Faith, values, priorities must align

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.



Alignment is Key

“If two people are not heading in the same direction,
love will not close the distance.”



Alignment Principle Two

The Principle of Shared Direction
(Faith, values & vision)



3. Unequally Yoked

- Not about perfection
- About direction and pace
- Pulling together determines strength



Together Towards God

Reflection Point:

- “A relationship that pulls you away from God will eventually pull you apart.”



Alignment Principle Three

The Principle of Spiritual Alignment
(Not being unequally yoked)



4. Dating With Purpose

Three Important Statements:

1. Purpose creates clarity
2. Drift creates confusion
3. Direction matters early on in the relationship

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**“Clarity is kindness.
Confusion is costly.”**

BRENÉ BROWN





Alignment Principle Four

The Principle of Intentionality
(Dating with purpose vs drifting)

Drift happens when:

1. No clear conversations are had
2. No shared destination is defined



Alignment Principle Four

Drift happens when:

- 3. No boundaries are established
- 4. Decisions are delayed or avoided
- 5. Feelings are allowed to lead without wisdom



5. Expectations & Communication

Three Important Trues:

- Expectations shape conflict
- What's unspoken becomes resentment
- Clarity prevents future pain

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Alignment Principle Five

The Principle of Clarity
(Expectations & communication)



6. Application for Singles & Couples

- Singles – choose wisely
- Couples – realign regularly
- Wisdom sustains love

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**“Love may bring you together,
but wisdom keeps you
together.”**

ANNE LAMOTT





Alignment Principle Six

The Principle of Wisdom
(Application for singles & couples)



Closing Thoughts

- Love starts relationships — alignment sustains them.
- Choose alignment. Choose wisely.