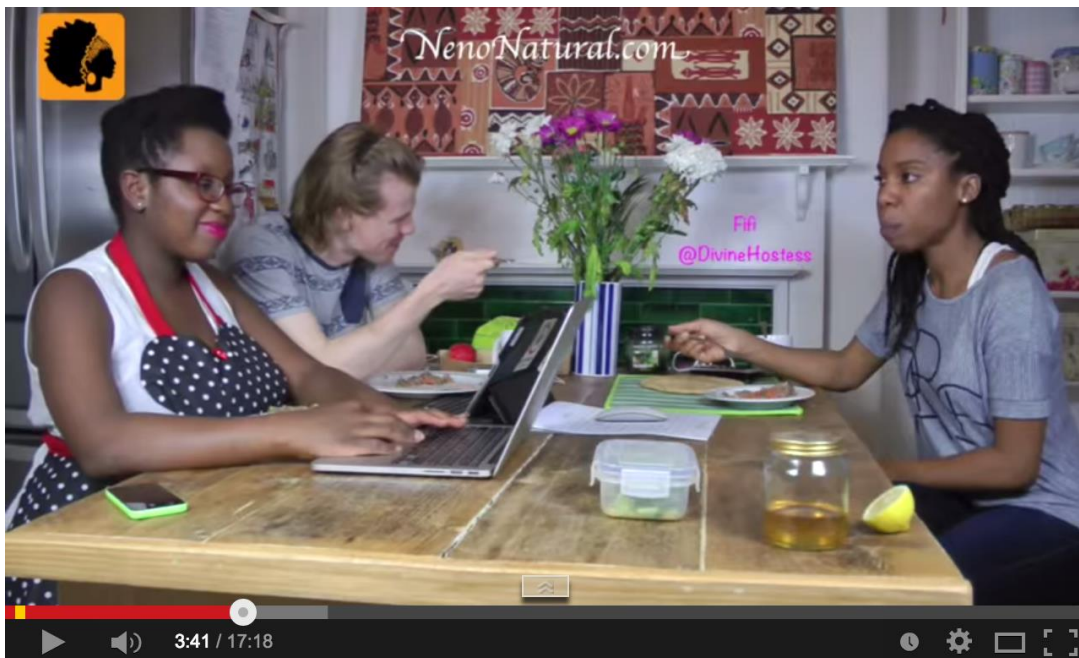


The Good Husband Strategy & Checklist

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Earlier this year I told my YouTube subscribers that I sometimes call Harry, my husband, “The Good Husband” because a few months before we started dating I had created a list entitled “The Good Husband” specifying all the traits I need in a life partner. A few months after this admission I revealed everything that I had on my list in this video that’s already been watched a few thousand times.

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A lot of people thought it was a good idea and proceeded to make their own lists. If you haven’t made a list already, Harry and I have come up with the below list that you can use to create your own strategy. We’re not telling you what you should look for at all as everyone has his or her own preferences but we thought you might like this as a guide. Get a piece of paper and use it to create your own list or download the printable version.

Good Husband Checklist / Strategy

1. Does he respect you?

This can be defined in many ways but for example does he speak to you the way you like to be spoken to? When you express a thought does he give it weight? Does he see you as an intelligent being or more as “eye candy”?

Yes

No

2. Does he respect women and other people in general?

If you're out and about is he generally rude to waiting staff and people that are getting in his way? This could be a signal for how he'll behave with you when you irritate him. Can you tolerate that?

Yes

No

3. Is he educated to the same level as you or better?

Men especially can be insecure about women that are better educated than them. Some, by default, will expect you to be the breadwinner and are happy to live off of your hard work. Look for any signals that suggest the difference in education could become a point of contention.

Yes

No

4. Does he have any strange hobbies?

There are some things you can live with and some you simply can't; make sure you know what this guy really likes to do in his spare time.

Yes

No

5. Is he giving, i.e. not stingy and tight with money and his things?

You might not need his money but the thing about stingy men is that they try to control how you spend money that you earn, "*your money*" too. I'm not into telling you what to do but you're not working your socks off to have someone else dictate how your hard earned cash should be spent!

Yes

No

6. Does he have to be religious?

This is a personal and very important decision. Non-religious does not mean immoral, in fact, some of the most morally upstanding people I know don't believe in God at all and some deviants of the highest order that I know are up in church every Sunday screaming, "Amen" and singing, "Hallelujah".

Importantly, some guys will claim to be a religious match to get their way with you and a few years into the marriage change their views. I know several people that have changed their religious stance post marriage.

Yes

No

7. Does he have to be the same religion as you?

Think about why this is so. If you want a man of the same religion just so that you go to church as a family every Sunday, keep in mind that at some point he might decide he doesn't want to go to church (although he believes); and guess what, you can't make him. Don't make this decision based on romantic notions, make it based on fundamental differences in values, e.g. how children should be raised.

Yes

No

8. Can you confide in him?

It's awesome to have a man you can talk to about anything.

Yes

No

9. Is he your best friend for sure? Can you spend loads of time with him without getting bored?

I've seen some people that hang out a lot pre-marriage and after marriage they seem to lead separate lives: he goes drinking with his buddies, you shop with your friends and seldom do the two collide. Chat about how he sees your relationship developing after marriage.

Yes

No

10. Is he willing to admit when he is wrong?

Men that cannot admit to a mistake can be so argumentative; who needs that stress?

Yes

No

11. Does he apologize if he hurts your feelings whether or not he admits to being wrong?

If he is good at apologizing then there won't be too many unnecessary and useless arguments in your marriage.

Yes

No

12. Does he have a positive attitude?

Positive attitude = fewer arguments = more happiness.

Yes

No

13. Is he proactive and helpful around the house?

You're neither a servant nor his mother. You shouldn't be expected to do everything at home or to fulfill various domestic roles that he sees as designed for women simply because his mum used to do those things.

Yes

No

14. Is he a good listener and communicator?

Good communication = fewer arguments = more happiness.

- Yes
- No

15. Does he get angry easily?

A man with an erratic temper will surely stress you out. You'll be scared of triggering a negative reaction so you'll end up keeping secrets from him that you would have preferred to tell him. Who needs that stress?

- Yes
- No

16. Is he violent? (Either with you or with anyone else?)

Displease him and you could be his next victim.

- Yes
- No

17. Is he honest?

You know he's honest if you never feel the need to check up on him. If he's cagey with his phone and never wants you to look at it, keeps it close and locked all the time, there are things he doesn't want you to see on there.

He'll give all sorts of excuses if you ever question this undoubtedly shady behavior but I tell you from experience that an honest man will give you his phone pin (at some point in the relationship) because he wants you to read him the text that just landed on his phone. The only time he should be secretive is when he's planning you a surprise party, of course!

- Yes
- No

18. Tick all the below qualities that you need him to possess; number them from most to least important with 1 being the most important trait to you.

You don't need to tick every box, e.g. you might have enough courage for the both of you.

- Kind, i.e. fundamentally loving
- Caring, i.e. concerned for you and others
- Understanding, i.e. respects other people's views
- Patient, i.e. doesn't rush you too much
- Sincere, i.e. genuine and not deceitful
- Courageous, i.e. not scared of pain or danger
- Sharing, i.e. not stingy
- Thoughtful, i.e. shows that he frequently thinks of you
- Selfless, i.e. it's not all about him
- Confident, i.e. can hold it together in a conversation, at least

19. Is he "generous" in bed?

So important in a good marriage; a good man will be very concerned about your levels of satisfaction and will ask, often.

- Yes
- No

20. Does he have potential to be a good provider –financially?

This gives you the option to stay at home with the kids for a while if **you** want to. On the other hand, if you earn enough for the both of you and are comfortable with having a “House Husband” during your children’s development years then this is not an issue at all.

Yes

No

21. Does he have potential to be a good provider –emotionally?

Husbands can provide in many ways: e.g. by taking care of household chores, washing the car(s), being on hand for DIY and massaging your feet whenever they are sore. Trust me, you’ll know how useful this last one is when you’re pregnant. I got foot massages frequently without even asking.

Yes

No

22. Is it okay if he already has kids with another woman?

This could be something you really want to enjoy with a man who’s never experienced it either. As you get older though you stop caring about things like this; they are nice-to-haves but fundamentally not important.

Yes

No

23. Does he want to live in all the places that you want to live?

It’s a lot easier if you both know where you stand on this or one person is willing to compromise. Some couples are okay to live in different countries or

cities for prolonged periods of time, normally because of work, but I personally couldn't deal with that. I need to see my husband often and vice versa for him.

- Yes
- No

24. Is he willing to examine himself and figure out areas he needs to improve in?

Men that are very keen to improve daily are awesome. They keep you motivated and make you want to be a better person too.

- Yes
- No

25. Does he have to be taller than you?

This is very superficial in my opinion and if you give physical traits too much weight you could be single for a VERY long time. That said, you need to be physically attracted to your man so, you decide how important this is.

- Yes
- No

26. Does he have to be cute or handsome?

As mentioned above, this is superficial and in the long run will not impact your level of happiness.

- Yes
- No

27. If brought up by a single parent, what impact did that have?

This is definitely worth thinking about, according to my mother: some men will have seen their mothers suffer to provide and touched by that will want to provide for their wives in any way they can. Other men will see the same suffering and decide that it's necessary for women to work and earn their own keep.

28. How have his parents' behavior influenced his views on how a home should be run?

Some buy into their parents' model hook, line and sinker – others are more reasonable and will want to change certain things because they have realized that their parents' way of living was not the best one. I prefer the thinking man. You need to make your own mind up about various things in life instead of just carrying on cultures and traditions that do not make sense.

