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**marriage: how old is too old - posted by Ruthiepoothie (), on: 2008/11/25 17:42**

Question: What is the opinion about a very Godly 59 yr old missionary man being interested in a 33 yr old Godly woman ?

**Re: marriage: how old is too old - posted by fuehrerbe21 (), on: 2008/11/25 19:53**

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**Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2008/11/25 21:00**

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Grace.

2Co 11:2 For **I am** jealous over you with **godly** jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live **godly** in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

Tit 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and **godly**, in this present world;

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;

2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the **godly** out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

If there is a problem calling someone godly, then the problem is with the Bible because the Bible calls some men godly.

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2008/11/25 21:18**

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I know I am not the sharpest knife in the drawer, but what is it exactly your trying to say? I will not get into the exact age

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difference, but my wife and I have a very large age difference and have only been married once and that's to each other, is this a sin or something? :-)

**Re: - posted by fuehrerbe21 (), on: 2008/11/26 10:22**

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there is nothing unbiblical about two people marrying who have significant age differences. Regardless of age, two people should only marry if God has called them to marriage.

**Re: marriage: how old is too old - posted by mission101 (), on: 2008/11/26 10:37**

Well if you are wondering about the age. I would have to say you are both still young enough. Freeborn Garrettson didn't marry his wife until he was 41, who was also 41. I also know of a couple that married at 73 and 65. So no problems here

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As far as all the references the rest of you are making to I Corinthians 7, I am amazed at the balance that Paul brings out in the chapter...

**Re: marriage: how old is too old - posted by Lysa (), on: 2008/11/26 10:54**

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-----Ruthiepoohie wrote:

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What does the 33 year old Godly woman think about it? (huge grin) The age doesn't matter if they both have common interests and are alike in many areas of their life. And if they both get "more interested" in each other and having prayed about it and sought God's wisdom and they want to marry, then go for it.

I have heard from several different sources that people who want to get married should know each other a minimum of 18 months to see how each handle many different situations. 18 to 24 months is a good time to see what the other person is made of. Satan likes to rush us so we don't see the things we should see in another person... that everyone around us sees but us!

Marriage is MUCH more than romance anyway because romance is a relatively new term from the last 100 years or so. He can be a young 59 and she can be an old soul of 33!! Only God knows. But much patience will have to be had on both sides.

Personally, there are two people who will tell us the truth, those that hate us and those that love us! Seek wisdom on your knees and also from those that God has put around you and then heed their advice.

God bless

**Re: marriage: how old is too old - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/11/26 10:57**

I would say ,be led of the spirit. If its God go for it.

You will however face a huge dilemma in about 10 or 15 years with that big of age diff.

Single is better spiritually. Relationships are complicated.

Single and longing for companionship is much better than the marriage from hell.

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2008/11/26 17:33**

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dilemma ha? is that what it is? I will tell my wife that, man I just thank God for some of the newer drugs some really can help preserve your relationship, I will just leave it there, I know most Christians, at least the ones I know have a very vivid imagination. :-P

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/11/26 17:56**

I suppose all would agree the scriptures give us no directives on how old a person should be when he/she marries to who ever.

However, the reality of age, dying and the lost of energy inherent to aging should be considered by the younger person in marrying a much older person.

Many oldsters get so preoccupied with meds, lost of health that it bores younger people to distraction. Some seniors are in excellent health but this is not the norm.

Then there is the change of interests that happens when age creeps up. Interests are steady but let the 60s sneak up on you, some changes occur.

In my opinion, the younger one should carefully and prayerfully consider the age difference and the problems this can cause to the younger one who may end up being a caregiver when she would rather participate in some very active sports, or whatever....and he has no energy to do it for various reasons. This could be a real cause for frustrations.

It is true age is a mental thing, but your body is a real thing, too. :-)

ginnyrose

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Amen on that sister, I can tell you from experience and I am only 57 but in excellent shape for my age, I am not your normal pot belly old man :-P. I will say this, being married to a younger lady has given me more of a reason to take better care of myself and not just let go like I "might" if I were married to someone the same age, just a thought.

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Can I write something funny about this or should I just let it go? For once, I may just let it go and wish you the best! :-)

ginnyrose

**Re: - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2008/11/26 22:39**

My thoughts, perhaps the older man wishes to marry the young woman to ensure she be cared for should anything happen to him. A woman of 33 is grown and can make a decision for herself. Good men are not growing on trees.

It is most important that they have talked at length and prayed and sought counseling as much as it may be available. Look at Boaz and Ruth, he was old. . .

The most important part is that there is a good friendship between them and not a romance. Romance does not last but as long as you can remain friends and have respect, one for another, and enjoy each others company, marriage is one of the blessings of God.

Regards,  
white stone

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/11/26 22:53**

Quote:  
-----Romance does not last but as long as you can remain friends and have respect, one for another, and enjoy each others company  
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Not to be insensitive to various trying situations in many marriages, but I think that many will testify that romance can get stronger with each year of marriage. I've been married for almost 18 years, and the romance I have now with my wife is more fragrant, deeper and intimate, and satisfying now than it was when we were first married. It is happily way beyond the category of respectful friendship.

Blessings,

MC

**Re: - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2008/11/26 23:33**

Hello MC,

Glad you still have Romance. :-) My husband and I have been married 35+ and couldn't be closer but there is none of the 'TV & Movie' kind of romance. There is a deep love and knowing what the other is going to say before they say it but no violins. None needed. After living the life we have had there is no doubt in my mind that ours is indeed a match made in Heaven, although both of us were seriously backslidden when we met.

One of these days I hope to tell you more about it. It is a long story and I want to get to know you all a little more first.

Cheers,  
white stone

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/11/27 9:33**

Thanks for the clarification White Stone. :-)

I only inserted my comment because it seems these days marriage gets a bad rep even in the church. (edit: I certainly understand there can be extreme difficulties.)

In short I think it's worth mentioning that some spouses are refreshing and supportive wells of love and understanding. People need to still believe that a devoted Christian spouse can be a beautiful expression of God's unfailing love. :-) I'm not even sure the marriage needs to be a match made in heaven, as long as both of the people are seated in heavenly places.

By the way, congratulations on 35 years of marriage. 35 is a wonderful testimony in and of itself and especially fitting to share on Thanksgiving day.

MC

**35 is a wonderful testimony - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2008/11/27 11:12**

Without Jesus - I can do nothing. All the glory goes to Him.

I appreciate your kind comments,  
white stone

**Re: 35 is a wonderful testimony - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2008/12/1 14:32**

I had received a PM on the content I posted in this thread by a poster, I truly believe anyone that really knows me here knows even though my posts or responses may be of the humorous kind that I by no means have "ever" posted anything here to be anything but a G rated comment.

Some of us Christians need to wake up to the fact that just because someone reads something in the way they do, it really don't mean they was what the poster meant it to be it was only the way you interrupted it "from cyber space" if we all agreed on everything we read here, this forum would be useless, we set all day posting scriptures and our personal opinions on what they mean, right?

I did apologize to the person that thought I was trying to create images "which anyone that knows me" knows I was not. What I was trying to do was open up some minds that may be in the lock down mode because of some Christians that make them feel guilty of even waking up in the morning and offer an idea to someone that might be reading this, and use my experience to maybe restore a marriage. I really did not feel lead to apologize but some folks if you just don't apologize and get it over with it sometimes just keeps the stick stirring and the strife between the two going on and I did not want this. I would also like to say that trust me, I have heard a lot of sermons preached straight from the pulpit that would make my remark look like David compared to Goliath "my remark being the David remark".:-) I did not come back here with the intentions to condone or condemn what I said, I came to say we should all get to know someone a little better before "slamming" them in a PM, and this person really slammed me like I was a dog, in my opinion.

**Re:, on: 2008/12/1 14:37**

We have some friends who are about that same age spread... he's 50 something, she's 30 something. Not a big deal, and they are a very **godly** family.

Many historians and theologians believe that Joseph was probably close to 30, and Mary was probably 15-16 yrs old based upon the culture and customs of that time period.

We'd arrest someone for that today! lol

Krispy

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/12/2 5:24**

What happens when the wife gets to be 60ish and her husband is 80something??? My dad was 80 when he died and while he was in relative good health I am sure glad I am *not* married to an 80+YO! Each to his own. But just do not forget that when the 60s and 70s creep up, changes do occur and it makes the possessor more keenly aware of his mortality. And that brings its own challenges.

I would suggest the lady who is considering marrying a man much older then she, to take a close look at men in their 70 s, 80s and then decide if she would like to be married to a man like that, with the limitations age imposes on a body.

Keep up the exercise, Bill, and do not forget to eat your oat bran muffins! :-D

ginnyrose

**Re:, on: 2008/12/2 8:12**

Ginny... I kinda understand what you're saying, but it sounds a bit like "conditional" love.

I have a friend, a state trooper, who is a good looking rugged kinda guy. Loves the Lord. I reckon most women would consider him quite a catch. He fell in love with a woman in a wheel chair (paralyzed from the hips down from a sports injury at age 16) and married her knowing she would never walk, and could not bear children. They are a very loving and godly couple, and have adopted 3 children.

That's love.

Being widowed in your 50's because your husband was 70 is certainly something to think about, but I'm a romantic at heart... if they are in love, so what?

You could marry someone the same age as you, and you could still be widowed at age 35.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/12/2 19:16**

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Actually, Krispy, I think my response sounds more like a business consideration than a romantic, love relationship! The reason is reality! All the romantic love one may have for another will be sorely tested when the limitations of age set in, coupled with interior plumbing that has become temperamental in function. Reckon, I have seen too many old folks in recent years become infirm which require lots of care.

While I am on this subject of care-giving, I will go off on a rabbit trail which I suppose will anger some. But please bear me out before reacting.

When people become infirm, it requires a LOT of care from loved ones. These caregivers must relinquish all their needs/ desires to care for this loved one and this could include your own health, well-being. AN infirm person must be fed, bathed, and if there is any paralysis, their feces may have to be removed by the caregiver as well. It is extremely stressful to the caregiver.

While the physical aspect is very tiring, the emotional stress is just as great or greater. Too many infirm people become very demanding, unconsciously living vicariously their desires through their loved ones which most of the time is in conflict with the the native interests that abide in the caregiver.

I am speaking from experience as a caregiver; I have personally spoken with my cousins who cared for their infirm parents; I am also witnessing what is happening in our family who is handicapped. It is a subject one is very careful who you discuss it with because of wrong perceptions. So, the people suffer in silence.

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It is one thing to become handicapped at a young age because of accidents, or illnesses. Then you have the dying of the human body at old age which is promised to all unless the LORD returns before then. This dying process for many has been prolonged because of advancements in medicine which keeps a body alive but does not cure whatever ails you.

Should a much younger person marry a person old enough to be your parent? I suggest you consider very carefully the realities of life and not make the decision based on romantic love, but on what is the Holy Spirit telling me to do. This is the only correct answer, IMHO, to this question.

ginnyrose

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2008/12/2 19:51**

ginny I don't think I will live long enough for my wife to have to take care of me physically, I don't know if that is the good, bad or ugly part of marrying a younger person. :-P

No but I do understand where you're coming from, my Dad was married to a woman after he and my Mom divorced, 25 years younger than him, and they stayed together like love birds for over 25 years until my Dad suddenly died back in 1990 of a heart attack, I will not elaborate. I will say Kathy once told me she don't think the sun would rise if she ever lost my Dad but it did, the really sad part is one year after Dad passed on, Kathy passed away from brain cancer, 1990 and 1991 was a terrible time for me and my family and step sisters.