



Emotional Maturity

Personality tends to be a lifetime character trait—rarely does it change. On the other hand, emotional maturity develops over time and is constantly changing. Nevertheless, you are not interested in marrying someone who at the time you are ready to start a family, is emotionally immature.

Some signs of emotional immaturity are:

- Won't take responsibility
- Blames others for problems
- Sleeps late in the morning
- Can't figure-out what he or she wants to do with his or her life
- Is excessively drawn to "fun" activities
- Has few friends
- Has a reputation for getting into conflict with others (parents, siblings, teachers, friends)
- Can't save money
- Drives recklessly
- Quits when things become difficult

Decisions are shared. You both decide where and what time to meet. Is your date comfortable when he or she doesn't get his or her way? You

want to be married to someone that values your opinion, is willing to put you first, and with a smile, accepts limitations to his or her freedom.

Feelings can be shared. When you discuss your feelings, does he or she listen? Or do they jump in with a comment that negates what you are trying to say? How you and your partner talk with each other will likely be the most part of your relationship. When you feel safe and comfortable sharing your feelings, it is then easy to feel close with each other.

Opinions are rarely given. A person that gives "opinions" freely is likely to be a difficult person to get along with. Strong "opinions" may indicate a strong and uncompromising will. Preferable is a person that only occasionally expresses his or her opinion, or does so when asked.

Mazal, bracha and clarity!

Tzirel Frankel