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## You Never Marry the Right Person.

This thought provoking title was taken from an excerpt from *The Meaning of Marriage* by Timothy Keller. This title, while appearing startling, is actually pretty profound. The gist is that searching for someone who accepts you as you are *and* fulfills your desires, creates a set of expectations that frustrates both you and your partner. This results in someone relying too much on their marriage partner for their own self-fulfillment. It creates impossible expectations.



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The article instead encourages one to view marriage as the coming together of two flawed people with the hope of “stability, love and consolation.” While the search for soul-mates and the one that “completes you” are common themes in think about and makes for entertaining movies, (if you like that sort of thing try, *He’s Just Not That Into You*) are unrealistic and overly simplistic. The article concludes, “[s]imply put—today people are asking for the perfect marriage partner.” And I would add, and not asking enough of themselves.

You never marry the right person, but the marriage can be right!

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