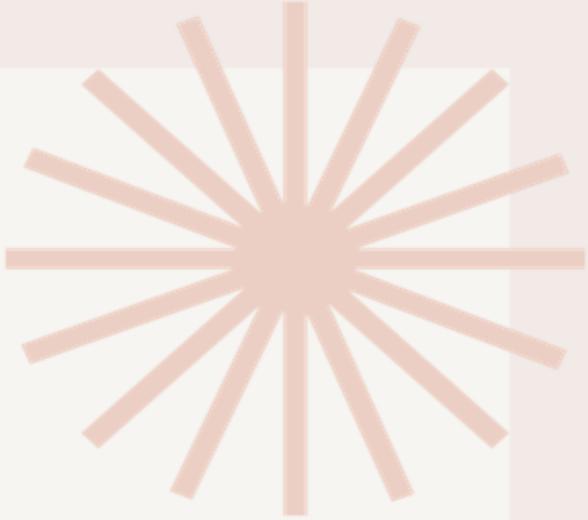
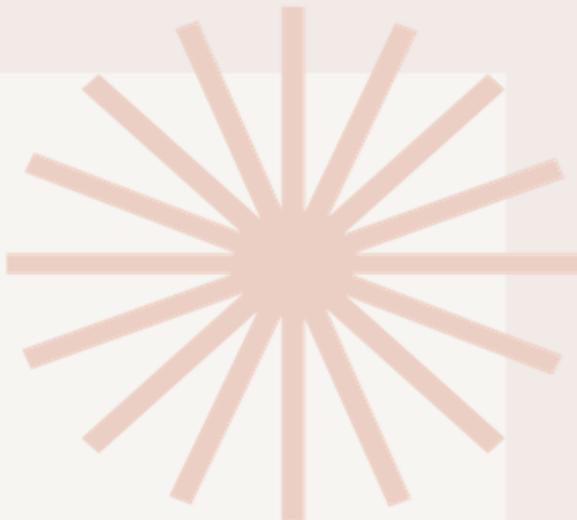


# THE 4 LEVELS OF MARRIAGE-MINDED RELATIONSHIPS

Hey Ladies! This post is for your reference as you are dating to stay intentional with the levels of relationship Jackie often refers to.



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**LEVEL 1:**  
**INITIAL MEETING or**  
**ATTRACTION**

This level is where the initial meeting takes place. That meeting could be over the internet, through friends, at a party, in a church setting, etc. This stage is characterized by there being a level of attraction, but still exploring if you'd be interested in getting to know them as more than a friend or not.

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## LEVEL 2: CURIOSITY, INTEREST, & INFATUATION

This level is characterized by the initial attraction increasing (which is mostly surface level/physically related at this point). Each person is putting their best foot forward and as a result there is little conflict or friction which causes infatuation to grow. This stage will likely last around 2-3 months and will end with the couple deciding if moving forward into a relationship feels right.

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## LEVEL 3: EXCLUSIVITY

During this level, the couple will decide to move into an exclusive and intentional relationship that is moving towards a long-term commitment. The initial infatuation is beginning to calm down and the couple will start to see each other without rose-colored glasses. Some of the personality/lifestyle differences or character flaws of each individual may start to cause friction and could also form "dealbreakers". Lean in to strong communication during this phase as it will either build a strong foundation for your future together or cause you to go your separate ways.



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**LEVEL 4:**

## **PROMISE/ENGAGEMENT**

During this stage, there should be a good understanding of their partners values, lifestyle, and goals for the future. There should also be a relationship with each other's family + friends. Honest and open conversations about the couple's future together will be taking place. Questions about children, finances, careers, future goals, should be discussed in more depth. Differences are normal and will help you to learn more about each other as you navigate forward. This stage should not be rushed, a good engagement period is 5-9 months.

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