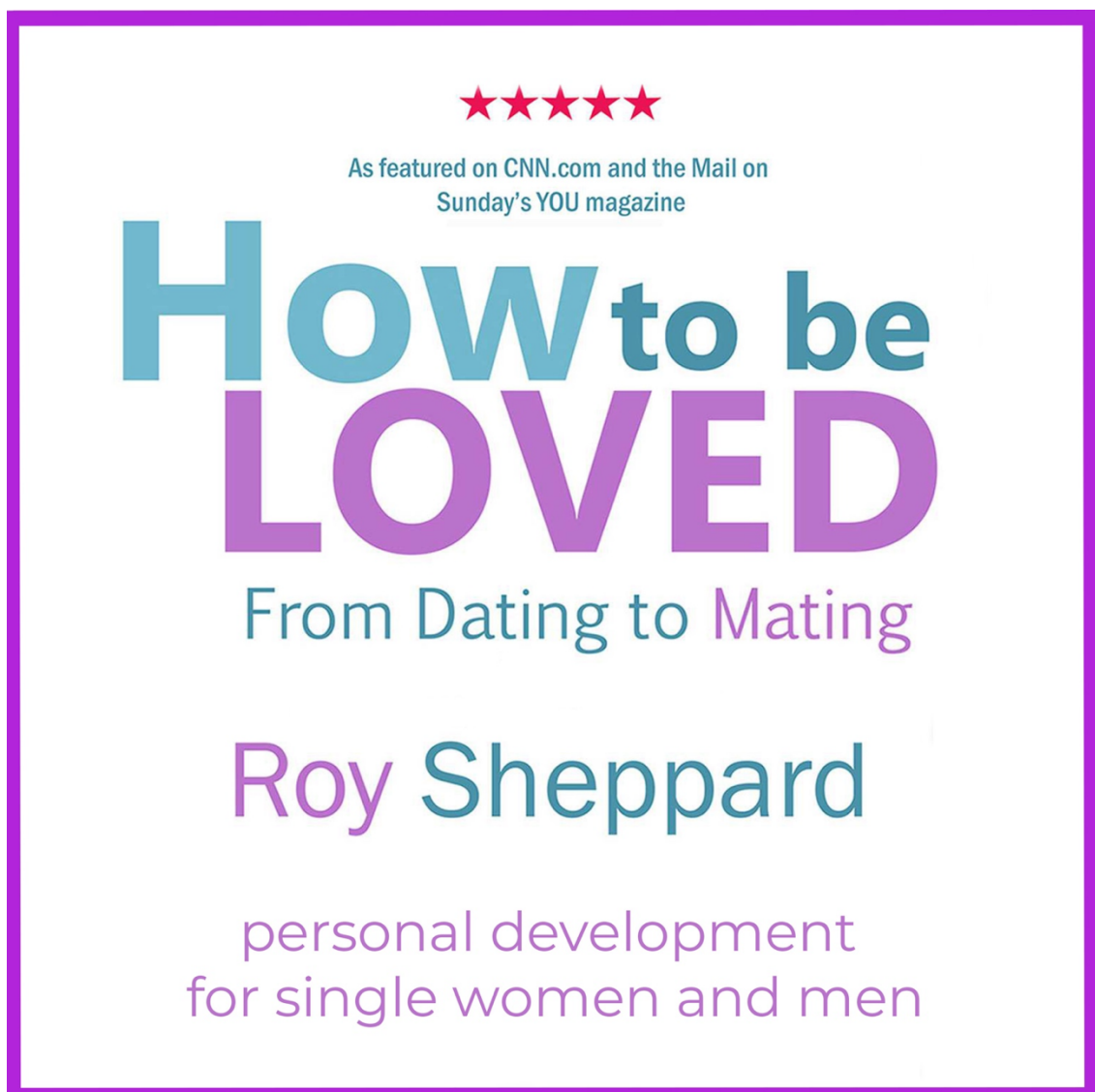


Personal development for singles

Take this FREE Relationship Fitness Assessment to find out how 'ready' you are for a long-term relationship – either with the person you are currently with, or as preparation for 'the one' you have yet to meet.

You will gain more value from this assessment if you share a blank version of this with those who know you well, so they can also provide their perceptions of you.



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Introduction

More single men and women are starting to realise the need to have a better understanding of their own emotions. So if you have any other single friends and contacts who might benefit from taking this assessment, please share it with – they could find it immensely valuable.

Based on part of Chapter 2 (Project YOU) from the ebook and audiobook *How to Be LOVED: from dating to mating* by Roy Sheppard, this assessment is designed to help you develop a stronger 'emotional core' and gain a deeper understanding of the beliefs, values and attitudes you look for in a long-term partner and asks, why should anyone you meet and date choose to stop their search once they've met you?

Especially in a dating world where everyone is now only a click away from becoming the 'ex' in the word n-ex-t!

Improving your 'Emotional Fitness'.

When you and your chosen partner have high levels of emotional fitness, you are both more likely to have a deeper, more enjoyable relationship. If you have yet to meet that person, use this time to invest in yourself by developing your self-awareness for a deeper understanding of how others currently perceive you. You will gain more value from the assessment if you work through it with trusted friends - helping each other to eliminate or minimise any unwanted or unappealing qualities or habits.

Step 1

Users have found it more helpful working together with paper copies of the assessment part of this document only. So print out **pages 3-5** of this document: a copy for yourself and sets for each friend who has agreed to help you.

Step 2

Take your time. Look at each quality and decide if this is a quality you would want from your existing partner, or for a future one. Be selective. Put a tick/check mark in the box along- side each important quality. Think carefully about each character trait you value so much in others. **Then rate yourself for EVERY listed quality on a scale of 0-10 (not just the ones you selected as very important).** 0 is the lowest score. 10 for the highest. For example, if you chose 'kindness' as a quality, how kind are you? If 'honesty' in others is really important to you, how honest are you? Be honest with yourself. No one else needs to see what

you write.

Total number of points awarded:

Attitude Towards Life

Character Trait  0 Not at all - 10 Top marks

Passionate about life		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Patient		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Relaxed		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Playful		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Spontaneous		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Fun-loving		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Upbeat and Positive		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Energetic		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easy-going		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Attitude Towards Self

Respect for self		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Healthy self-esteem		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Depth of character		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Confident		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Prepared to be wrong		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Honest		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Exercises regularly		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Attitude Towards a Partner

Romantic		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Good companion		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A calming influence		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Supportive		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sexually passionate		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Loyal		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Understanding		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Good listener		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Reliable/Dependable		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Mental Attitude

Thoughtful		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Wise		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Humble		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Committed		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pragmatic		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Energetic		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Spiritual		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Emotional Attitude

Loving		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Compassionate		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Happy		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Generous		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Appreciative		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Emotionally Open		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Attitude Towards Work

Successful in Life		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Hardworking		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Well-organised		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Solution-focused		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Creative		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Savvy and smart		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Forward-thinking		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Level of integrity		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Trustworthy		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Attitude Towards Others

Helpful		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Kind		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Considerate		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Friendly		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Honourable		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Attitude Towards Ideas

Open-minded		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Non-judgmental		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Respect for others		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Gracious		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Fair-minded		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Encouraging		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Selfless		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Next Steps

Add together every number you awarded yourself. What is your total? Put it in the box on the first page of the assessment. Don't share it.

After you've finished this part of the exercise, there's another very powerful stage. It takes a bit of courage, but this exercise can be life-changing. It is **so** worth the time and energy.

How would 'The One' rate YOU on the qualities you believe are so important in others? To give you a more accurate answer, your friends (and current partner, if you have one) can help you. My team of male and female volunteers loved the idea of getting friends to do this for them, but getting them to pluck up the courage to do so was a different matter!

Even people I thought were fairly confident really struggled with the prospect of hearing the naked truth. They were so worried that they'd hear bad things about themselves. With a bit of coaxing and coaching, they accepted that the worst that could possibly happen was learning something new they could adopt to help make themselves more appealing as a person. The alternative is not knowing and continuing to meet a stream of new people in the months and years to come, never realising that you were being perceived in ways that weren't doing you any favours.

- 1) Ask them to award you 0-10 on every character trait.
- 2) Encourage them to think of examples of your past behaviour to explain why they awarded you such high (or low) scores.
- 3) Ask them to add up the total number of points and write it down in the box at the top of the form.

Feedback from friends who know you well and who genuinely care about you can be incredibly helpful.

Tell each of these friends how important it is to you that they answer it honestly. But not in a cruel way of course!

IMPORTANT: Don't tell them how you rated yourself.

Collate and Compare Feedback from Friends

Once you've received a number of the assessments from your friends, your next task is to go through their answers and compare how you rated yourself against the way others see and rate you.

The entire point is to identify the **differences** between how you rate yourself and the way others perceive you. If you find there are large and consistent differences, you probably want to look more closely at those qualities and if appropriate, work on improving them.

Have you consistently rated yourself lower than your friends in key areas? Perhaps you might like to study the emotional core component in the eBook or audiobook that relate to improving 'self-esteem'. Or is there a pattern where you consistently rate yourself higher than those who know you well? If so, you might choose to look at the emotional core section about 'attitude'.

A final point on this exercise. Do not under any circumstances argue about the feedback (which will only teach your friends not to be honest with you in the future), or become defensive about anything you are told. The purpose of this exercise is to improve your self-awareness – it's not a weapon to be used against yourself. So devote at least some time thinking about the similarities too; what did they say that agrees with your self-perceptions?

What three areas are you going to focus on improving in the next three months?

1)

2)

3)

Now, put an appointment in your diary/calendar to assess your progress in three months and again in six months. If you decide to do something about these areas, you will almost certainly notice improvements. By looking back, even over just a few months, you'll be able to see how much progress you have made.

How to be LOVED

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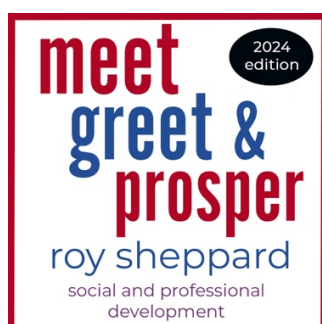
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Additional Resources:

This emotional fitness assessment is part of "How to be LOVED: from Dating to Mating": an eBook as well as an audiobook, available everywhere eBooks and audiobooks are sold.

You can listen to a free 17 minute audiobook extract here: www.RoySheppard.co.uk
(No sign up required)



"Meet Greet and Prosper" is another eBook and audiobook (newly published in 2024) by Roy Sheppard. It shares everything you need to know about meeting new people face-to-face. From: how to initiate social and professional conversations, how to remember people's names, how to end conversations politely and basic etiquette lessons for events such as formal dinners.

Scarlett is 22. She was the first person in the world to listen to it. This is her feedback:

I have listened to the audio book and I loved it. I think as someone who truly loves people, and has spent a lot of time trying to understand how people work in social settings to make them feel as comfortable as possible and build strong connections, I resonated with everything that was spoken about. My job is centred around this as a talent manager, I found it so useful to listen to someone so experienced effortlessly teach your ideas in such a practical way.

I can only speak for my generation, but I think social skills are hugely lost, and I think your audiobook makes being genuine, but intentional within social settings, feel so much more simple and achievable. It feels totally relevant in every way despite being originally written a while ago. I work in a more casual, less corporate environment but I found all your examples about etiquette so interesting. I haven't heard anyone speak about these things before. Again, I think this is very lost within my generation.

Another thing that stood out to me - I come from a very white middle class area, and since moving away have become so interested in understanding other cultures on a deeper level. I simply wasn't exposed to different ethnicities, religions etc. until I began working and it's been something I've been working on by listening to podcasts and really asking questions to those around me. I love how you touched on things that may offend different kinds of people, because you would just never know unless you knew.

I think the audiobook is so valuable! I'm sure you have been told this a million times but the way you read / speak is so easy to listen to which is always a plus :)

You can listen to a free 7 minute audiobook extract here: www.RoySheppard.co.uk
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