

If you cannot answer all three questions affirmatively, resist, resist, resist. Be patient and have enough self-respect to wait for someone who is worth your while. Or if you must, enjoy it while it lasts and try to be philosophical when it bites you on the ass.

**DON'T
WASTE
YOUR LATE
THIRTIES!**

2 x three-point tests
for prospective partners

a.

Stop – don't date anyone like your last one, or the one before that, remember it didn't work.

Drop – Aesthetics and values win on the day. Can they dance and are they kind to animals?

And Roll – Baby if you give it to me, I'll give it to you, I know what you want, you know I got it.

b.

Ask yourself, of someone you are considering starting a relationship with:

Are you attracted to them?

Or are you just enjoying them being attracted to you? Do you chose them or are they just picking you up off the passive person conveyor belt? Do they actually turn you on or do you just like or need them? etc.

Do you respect them?

Can you get next to their politics? Are they insufferably selfish or immature? Do you have reservations about introducing them to your friends? Are you "down-dating"? etc.

Are they available?

Are they single? Are they free of /healed from prior relationships? Are they emotionally available? Do they have time for other people? Do they want to have the sort of relationship you do? Are they capable of it? Are they who they make out to be?