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The Green Flag Filter



The 12 questions that reveal whether a man is actually marriage-ready — and actually able to provide — inside the first two meetings.

No interrogation. Nothing embarrassing. Not one question about his salary.

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Before You Read the Questions

Let me tell you why I wrote this before I give you a single question, because the questions are useless if you do not understand what they are actually for.

I wasted three years and four months on a man who told me beautiful things. He said them well. He said them often. And not one of them was true, and I did not find out until I had already given him my time, my money, and two Sunday afternoons a week in his kitchen.

Here is what I learned too late: a man who is not serious, or a man who cannot provide, is not caught by asking him “*Are you serious?*” or “*How much do you earn?*” He will lie to the first and be insulted by the second. You catch him a different way.

You catch him by asking ordinary questions — the kind of questions any woman might ask on a nice evening — and then **listening properly to the answers**. Because a man cannot keep a story straight about his plans, his money, his family, and his time all at once. If he is not real, the pieces will not fit. You just have to know what a real answer sounds like, and what a rehearsed one sounds like.



Three rules before you start:

- 1. Do not interrogate.** These are not a checklist you read out to him. They come up naturally, one or two per evening, in normal conversation. If it feels like an interview, you are doing it wrong.
- 2. Listen to the whole answer, not the first sentence.** The truth is usually in the second and third sentence, after he has given you the answer he thinks you want.
- 3. Watch what he does with the answer later.** Half of these questions only pay off when you check, weeks later, whether what he said then matches what he does now.

How the Filter Works

There are twelve questions, split across your first two proper meetings with a man — six for each. You do not need to ask all six in one sitting. Spread them out. Let them breathe. A dinner, a long phone call, a walk — any of these is a “meeting.”

Each question below comes in three parts:

THE QUESTION	What you actually say to him, in ordinary words.
WHAT IT REVEALS	The thing you are really finding out — readiness, or his ability to provide.
GREEN FLAG / RED FLAG	Exactly what a real answer sounds like, and exactly what should worry you.

One last thing. If a man fails two or more of these — not one, but two — that is not bad luck and it is not a bad day. That is information. Believe it the first time. The whole reason you are reading this is that hoping is what cost you the years.

Meeting One

The First Six Questions — Readiness & Direction

The first evening is not for testing whether he can provide. It is too early, and it will make you look like you are pricing him. The first evening tells you something more basic and more important: **is this a man who is actually going somewhere, or a man who is comfortable going nowhere?** A time waster is almost always a man with no direction of his own. That is why he has so much time for you so fast.



QUESTION 1 • READINESS

“What does a good year look like for you? Like, if this year goes well, what happened?”

What it really reveals: Whether he has a direction, or whether he is drifting. A marriage-ready man is building toward something. A time waster is coasting, and a coasting man has endless time for a situationship because he is not pouring himself into anything else.

✓ GREEN FLAG

He lights up. He has specific things — a goal at work, something he is saving toward, a plan with a shape to it. Even if it is small, it is *his*, and he owns it.

✗ RED FLAG

Vague. “Just to be happy, you know. Just for God to do it.” No plan, no shape, no ownership. A grown man with no answer to this question has been drifting for a while.

QUESTION 2 • READINESS

“Where do you see yourself living in a few years — here, or somewhere else?”

What it really reveals: Whether he thinks in terms of a future at all, and whether that future has room in it for building a home. Men who cannot picture five years ahead usually cannot picture a wife in it either.

✓ GREEN FLAG

He can actually picture it. He talks about settling, about a place of his own, about roots. The word “home” comes up without you planting it.

✗ RED FLAG

He has never thought about it. Or worse, the future he describes is a single man’s future — all freedom, all movement, no mention of anyone beside him in it.

QUESTION 3 • READINESS

“What happened with your last serious relationship? No gist, I’m just curious how it ended.”

What it really reveals: This is the most important question in the whole filter. How a man explains his last relationship is exactly how he will one day explain you. Listen for whether he takes any responsibility at all.

✓ GREEN FLAG

He can name his own part in it. “I wasn’t ready,” “I didn’t communicate,” “I took her for granted.” A man who can own one failure can own the next one.

✗ RED FLAG

Every ex was crazy, evil, or a cheat. He is the innocent victim of every woman he has ever known. My dear, you are simply the next chapter of that same story. Believe him now.

QUESTION 4 • DIRECTION

“What are you like when things are hard? Like when money is tight or work is stressing you.”

What it really reveals: How he behaves under pressure — because marriage is mostly pressure, and a bad year will come. You are finding out whether he faces things or runs from them.

✓ GREEN FLAG

He talks about facing it, adjusting, asking for help, getting through. There is a steadiness in how he describes hard times, even if his voice goes quiet.

✗ RED FLAG

He disappears, he drinks, he goes silent for weeks, he “needs space.” Or he has never had a hard time in his telling, which means he is not being honest with you yet.

QUESTION 5 • DIRECTION

“Who are the people you can’t do without? Your close ones.”

What it really reveals: Whether he is connected to anyone, or whether he is a lone wolf with no accountability. A man with no close people has no one who will ever hold him responsible for how he treats you.

✓ GREEN FLAG

He names real people — a brother, a friend from school, his mother — and speaks about them with warmth. He is woven into other people’s lives.

✗ RED FLAG

He has no one, everyone has “betrayed” him, or the only people he mentions are people who work for him. A man accountable to no one will not suddenly become accountable to you.

QUESTION 6 • READINESS**“What made you decide to start dating again / start talking to me? Why now?”**

What it really reveals: His actual intention. Not the intention he performs — the real reason he is here. This question quietly asks him to say what he is looking for, and an unready man cannot answer it cleanly.

✓ GREEN FLAG

He is straightforward. “I’m at a point where I want something serious.” “I’m tired of wasting time.” Clear, calm, no performance.

✗ RED FLAG

He gets slippery. “Let’s just see where it goes.” “I don’t like to put pressure on things.” That is not being relaxed. That is a man keeping the door open to leave.

Meeting Two

The Second Six Questions — Provision & Follow-Through

Now — and only now, once you know he has direction — you find out whether he can actually carry a home. And here is the part nobody tells you: **you never ask a man what he earns.** His salary tells you almost nothing. A man can earn well and be broke, and a man can earn modestly and be solid. What you are measuring is not the size of his income. It is his *relationship with money* — how he thinks about it, how he handles obligation, whether he provides without being asked. That is what predicts whether he can carry you.



QUESTION 7 • PROVISION

“Who do you take care of? Like, who leans on you financially?”

What it really reveals: His sense of obligation, and whether he already carries weight well. A man who provides for others — a parent, a sibling in school — has already proven he can put someone else before himself. That muscle is the whole of marriage.

✓ GREEN FLAG

He carries someone, and he does not complain about it or make it a big performance. “I help my mum,” “I’m paying my sister’s school fees.” Quiet, steady, matter-of-fact.

✗ RED FLAG

He takes care of no one but himself at his age, or he resents the people he helps and lists them like a burden. A man who cannot carry his own blood will not carry you.

QUESTION 8 • PROVISION

“What’s something you saved up for and finally got? Took you time but you did it.”

What it really reveals: Whether he can delay, plan, and follow through on money — without you ever asking his balance. A man who has saved for anything real has the exact discipline an introduction and a wedding will demand.

✓ GREEN FLAG

He has a real example. A car, a plot, a course, a business tool, rent paid a year ahead. There was patience and a plan behind it. This is a man who can save toward you.

✗ RED FLAG

He has never saved for anything. Everything he has came fast and left fast, or he cannot name one thing he waited and worked for. Money runs through his hands like water.

QUESTION 9 • PROVISION**“What do you spend the most on, honestly? What eats your money?”**

What it really reveals: His true priorities. People show you what they value by where their money goes, not by what they say. This tells you what would come *first* in your marriage — and whether it would be you.

✓ GREEN FLAG

His money goes to real things — family, rent, saving, building. He might laugh about one indulgence, but the weight of his spending is on things that last.

✗ RED FLAG

It all goes to show — clothes, clubs, the latest phone, impressing people. A man who funds his image before his future is telling you what he will keep funding after you marry him.

QUESTION 10 • FOLLOW-THROUGH**“(Say nothing. Just notice: did he do the small thing he said he would do last time?)”**

What it really reveals: This one is not a question you ask — it is a thing you watch. Between meeting one and meeting two, did he keep a small word? He said he’d call at 8, did he? He said he’d send that link, did he? Small promises kept are the only reliable proof of big promises to come.

✓ GREEN FLAG

He does the small things without being reminded. He arrives when he says. He calls when he says. His words and his actions are the same size. This is rarer than you think, and it is everything.

✗ RED FLAG

The small things slip. “Sorry I forgot,” again and again. A man who cannot keep a small word for two weeks is showing you, for free, exactly what your marriage will feel like.

QUESTION 11 • PROVISION

“What kind of husband and father do you think you’d be? Ever thought about it?”

What it really reveals: Whether he has ever seriously imagined the role, and whether provision is part of how he pictures it. A ready man has thought about this. A time waster has actively avoided thinking about it.

✓ GREEN FLAG

He has thought about it, and provision and presence are both in his answer. He talks about providing, protecting, being there. It is not a fantasy — it is a responsibility he already feels the weight of.

✗ RED FLAG

He has never thought about it and the question makes him uncomfortable. Or his picture is all authority and no provision — a man who wants to be served, not one who wants to carry.

QUESTION 12 • FOLLOW-THROUGH

“What would you want to happen with us in the next few months, if it were up to you?”

What it really reveals: His timeline — asked gently, at the end, once he has relaxed. A serious man has a shape in his mind for where this goes. A time waster wants it to stay exactly as it is: undefined, unhurried, free.

✓ GREEN FLAG

He offers a real direction. “I’d want to meet your people.” “I’d want us to be serious.” He is willing to name a future out loud, which means he has one in mind.

✗ RED FLAG

“Let’s not rush it.” “Why do we need to define it?” “Let’s just enjoy this.” Every one of these is the same sentence: *I want to keep the exit open.* Believe it.

Now Count

Do not overthink this. You do not need a spreadsheet. After your first two meetings, sit somewhere quiet and go back through the twelve. Be honest — not hopeful, honest. Then look at where he landed.

0–2 red flags

This is a man worth your time. Keep going — keep watching, because the follow-through questions keep telling the truth over months — but this is a real one. Do not self-sabotage a good man because you are used to bad ones.

3–5 red flags

Slow all the way down. Do not give him one more thing — not money, not your body's time, not your Sunday afternoons — until the picture gets clearer. Ask the follow-through questions again in a month. Watch whether the flags multiply. They usually do.

6+ red flags

You already know. You have known for a few pages now. This is the man who will cost you the years, and the only question left is whether you find out now, cheaply, or in three years, expensively. Choose now. Choose yourself.



The one mistake that undoes everything

You will be tempted, when a man you like fails three or four of these, to explain the flags away. “He was nervous.” “It’s early.” “Men don’t like these questions.” I know you will be tempted, because I did it, for three years and four months.

That explaining-away is not kindness. It is the exact machinery that kept you stuck. The flags are not there to be softened. They are there to be believed — the first time, while it is still cheap to walk away.



One Last Word

Nobody ever handed me these twelve questions. I had to lose years to learn them, one painful discovery at a time. You are holding, on a single afternoon, what cost me a whole relationship to understand.

So use them. Not to catch a man out — but to save yourself. The right man will pass this filter without ever knowing he was being filtered, because a real man has nothing to hide from ordinary questions. And the wrong man will show you who he is early enough that you can still walk away whole.

Stop hoping. Start listening. That is the entire secret.

With love, and from experience,

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