RESOURCE 2.2



CREATING YOUR DATING ACTION PLAN

HVL Connect Client Resource

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ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

Purpose: This resource helps you create a clear, actionable plan for dating with intention, awareness, and strategy.

When to use this:

- You're ready to start dating (or date differently)
- You want to date with purpose and clarity
- You're tired of wasting time on wrong people
- You want a strategic approach to finding a partner
- You've completed pattern work and are ready for action
- You want accountability and structure

What this resource provides:

- Clarity on what you want and need
- Dating goals and timeline
- Strategy for where and how to meet people
- Profile and presentation guidance
- Boundary and standard-setting tools
- Action steps and accountability

Prerequisites: Complete Resource 2.1 (Dating Patterns Discovery) first for maximum benefit.

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INTRODUCTION: WHY YOU NEED A PLAN

Dating Without a Plan

MANY PEOPLE DATE WITHOUT INTENTION:

Thev:

- Swipe randomly on apps
- Say yes to anyone who asks
- Hope to "just meet someone"
- React instead of choosing
- Have no clear criteria
- Waste time on wrong people
- Feel frustrated and exhausted

Result: Disappointment, burnout, wrong relationships

Dating With a Plan

DATING WITH INTENTION MEANS:

You:

- Know what you want and need
- Have clear criteria and standards
- Choose strategically where to invest time
- Date with purpose and awareness
- Set boundaries and honor them
- Evaluate compatibility early
- Stay aligned with your goals

Result: Efficiency, clarity, better matches, healthy relationships

Your Dating Action Plan

THIS PLAN WILL HELP YOU:

- Get clear on what you want
- Identify where to find it
- Create strategy for meeting people
- Present yourself authentically and attractively
- Set and maintain boundaries



- Evaluate potential partners
- Stay accountable to your goals

This isn't about manipulation or games. It's about intention and strategy.



PART 1: CLARITY - WHAT YOU WANT

Your Relationship Vision

BEFORE YOU CAN FIND IT, YOU NEED TO SEE IT.

Close your eyes and imagine your ideal relationship 1 year from now. Describe what you see:

How do you feel in this relationship?	
How does your partner treat you?	
What does a typical day look like together?	
What are you doing together?	
What makes this relationship fulfilling?	

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What You're Looking For

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IMPORIANT QUALITIES:

What qualities are very important (but not absolute deal-breakers)?

Examples:

- Sense of humor
- Intelligence
- **Ambition**
- Affectionate
- Good communicator
- Adventurous
- Stable/grounded
- Creative



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These are bonuses, not requirements. Don't let these overshadow important qualities.



What You're NOT Looking For

BASED ON YOUR PATTERNS (FROM RESOURCE 2.1):

Types I'm no longer choosing:	
Red flags I will not ignore:	
Behaviors I will not accept:	
Dynamics I will not repeat:	
What I will NOT compromise:	



Your Ideal Partner Profile

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER:

My ideal partner is someone who: Values:	
Qualities:	
Lifestyle:	
Goals:	
Treats me:	
Makes me feel:	
Is looking for:	
Is NOT:	

REALITY CHECK:



Is this person realistic?

- □ Yes, this describes a real, attainable person
- □ Maybe, but I might be too specific
- □ No, this is a fantasy or impossible standard

If you checked "maybe" or "no," what can you adjust?

Remember: You want someone wonderful AND real. Not perfect, but right for you.



PART 2: READINESS - ARE YOU READY?

Emotional Readiness Assessment

RATE EACH STATEMENT (1-5):
1 = Not at all true, 5 = Very true
I've healed from my past relationships
I'm not looking for someone to "fix" me or complete me
I'm emotionally available
I have realistic expectations
I'm willing to be vulnerable
I can handle rejection without falling apart
I'm not desperate or needy
I have a full life outside of dating
I'm dating from desire, not fear of being alone
I'm ready to invest time and energy in dating
Total Score: (out of 50)

SCORE INTERPRETATION:

40-50: Ready to date

You're emotionally prepared and in a healthy place to date.

30-39: Mostly ready

You're in good shape but may have a few areas to work on. Consider addressing these while dating.

20-29: Proceed with caution

You may benefit from more healing or personal work before seriously dating.

Consider therapy or coaching.

10-19: Not ready yet

Focus on healing and personal growth before dating. Dating now may recreate old patterns.



IF YOU'RE NOT FULLY READY:

What do I need to work on before dating?
What support do I need?
Timeline for getting ready:
It's okay to not be ready. Better to wait than to date from a wounded place.

Practical Readiness Assessment

DO YOU HAVE:

- □ Time to date (at least 5-10 hours per week)
- Emotional energy for dating
- □ Financial resources for dates
- □ Transportation/ability to get to dates
- □ Childcare (if applicable)
- Living situation that allows dating
- Work-life balance that allows relationship
- □ Support system
- □ Self-care practices in place
- Clear schedule and availability

If you checked most of these, you're practically ready.

If not, what needs to change?



Your Dating Boundaries

BEFORE YOU START DATING, SET BOUNDARIES:
How much time can you realistically invest in dating?
How many dates per week?
What days/times are available?
What days/times are protected for other priorities?
PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES:
What are your physical boundaries for dating?
First few dates:
Once exclusive:
Before commitment:



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What's your boundary around texting/calling frequency? How quickly do you expect responses? What's your boundary around late-night communication? **DATING BOUNDARIES:** Will you date multiple people at once? When will you become exclusive? What behaviors are unacceptable on dates? How many dates before you decide if there's potential?



PART 3: STRATEGY - WHERE AND HOW

Where to Meet People

ONLINE DATING:
Which apps/sites will you use?
□ Hinge (relationship-focused)
□ Bumble (women message first)
□ Match.com (serious daters)
□ eHarmony (compatibility-focused)
□ Coffee Meets Bagel (curated matches)
□ The League (professionals)
□ Christian Mingle (faith-based)
□ JDate (Jewish singles)
□ Other:
Your top 2-3 platforms:
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Why these platforms?
Time commitment to online dating:
minutes per day swiping/browsing
hours per week total
Boundaries around online dating:
Will check apps: times per day
Will not check apps:
Will take breaks when:



IN-PERSON MEETING STRATEGIES:

Where can you meet people in real life?

Through activities/hobbies: Fitness classes or gym Sports leagues (kickball, volleyball, etc.) Hiking or outdoor groups Book clubs Cooking classes Art classes Volunteer organizations Professional networking events Alumni events	
□ Other:	_
Your top 3 in-person strategies: 1. 2. 3.	
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Through social circles:	
□ Friends' parties and gatherings	
□ Ask friends to set you up	
Attend social events	
Say yes to invitations	
Host gatherings yourselfJoin friend groups or meetups	
Your social strategy:	
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Through community:	

- Community events
- Local festivals or markets
- □ Coffee shops or regular spots
- □ Dog parks (if you have a dog)
- Neighborhood events



Your community strategy:	HVS. C COUNT
BALANCED APPROACH:	
Your dating strategy will include: •% online dating •% in-person activities •% through social circles	
•% through community Total: 100%	
Why this balance works for you:	

Your Online Dating Profile

IF USING ONLINE DATING:

PROFILE PHOTOS:

You need 5-7 photos that show:

- Clear face shot (smiling, good lighting)
- □ Full body shot (shows your build/style)
- Activity shot (doing something you love)
- □ Social shot (with friends, faces blurred if needed)
- □ Dressed up shot (shows you clean up nice)
- □ Casual shot (everyday you)
- □ Fun/personality shot (shows your humor or interests)

Photos to avoid:

- X Group photos where you can't be identified
- X Sunglasses in every photo
- X Bathroom selfies
- X Photos with ex (cropped out or not)



- X Photos from 5+ years ago
- X Overly filtered or edited photos
- X Photos with children (if not yours, or blur faces)

PROFILE BIO:

Your bio should:

- Be authentic and genuine
- Show your personality
- Include what you're looking for
- Be positive (not bitter or negative)
- Be specific (not generic)

Bio writing prompts:

- Include conversation starters
- Be 3-5 sentences or short paragraphs

What makes you unique?	
What are you passionate about?	
What do you love to do?	
What are you looking for?	
What would a perfect day look like?	
What's something interesting about you?	



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Get feedback from friends before posting.	
PROFILE PROMPTS (for apps like Hinge):	
Choose prompts that:	
Show your personality	
Create conversation starters	
Reveal what matters to you	
Are specific and interesting	
Examples:	
"I'm looking for someone who" (be specific about values/qualities)	
"My ideal Sunday" (shows lifestyle)	
"I'm passionate about" (shows what matters)	
"Let's debate" (shows personality and creates engagement)	
Your prompt answers:	
Prompt 1:	

Answer:

Prompt 2: _____ Answer: _____ Prompt 3: _____ Answer: _____

First Message Strategy



FOR ONLINE DATING:

When reaching out first:

- Reference something specific from their profile
- Ask an open-ended question
- Be genuine and friendly
- Keep it brief (2-3 sentences)
- · Show you read their profile

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"I saw you love hiking! What's your favorite trail in the area? I'm always looking for	
new spots to explore."	
Your first message template:	
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When responding to messages:

- · Respond within 24 hours if interested
- Match their energy and length
- Ask questions back
- Move to phone call or date within 5-10 messages
- Don't pen-pal for weeks

Your response strategy:

From Match to Meeting

MOVING FROM APP TO DATE:

Timeline:

- Message for: ____ days
- Then suggest:

 Phone call

 Video call

 Coffee date
- Meet in person within: ____ days/weeks of matching

Don't wait too long. Chemistry is tested in person, not through text.



SUGGESTING A DATE:

Your backup option:

Your script:

"I'm enjoying our conversation! I'd love to continue this over coffee. Are you free th week?"						
Or:						
"I think we'd have great chemistry in person. Would you like to meet for [activity] this weekend?"						
Your date suggestion script:						
FIRST DATE IDEAS:						
Good first date options:						
□ Coffee (casual, low-pressure, easy exit)						
□ Drinks (relaxed, can extend if going well)						
□ Walk in park (active, can talk easily)						
□ Lunch (daytime, casual)						
□ Activity (mini golf, museum, etc gives you something to do)						
Avoid for first dates:						
X Dinner (too long if not clicking)						
X Movies (can't talk)						
X Your place or their place (safety)						
X Expensive or elaborate plans (too much pressure)						
Your go-to first date:						



PART 4: PRESENTATION - SHOWING UP AS YOUR BEST SELF

Authentic Presentation

YOU WANT TO BE ATTRACTIVE AND AUTHENTIC.

Not fake or trying too hard. Just your best, genuine self.

Physical Presentation

APPEARANCE MATTERS (not because you need to be perfect, but because it shows self-care and effort)

GROOMING:

- Hair styled and maintained
- □ Facial hair groomed (if applicable)
- Nails clean and trimmed
- □ Good hygiene (shower, deodorant, teeth brushed)
- □ Skin care routine
- Cologne/perfume (subtle, not overpowering)

CLOTHING:

- □ Fits well (not too tight or too baggy)
- Clean and wrinkle-free
- Appropriate for the date
- Shows your style
- □ Makes you feel confident
- Updated (not outdated styles)

OVERALL:

- □ Healthy lifestyle shows (sleep, nutrition, exercise)
- Confident posture
- □ Genuine smile
- □ Eye contact
- Open body language



YOUR PRESENTATION PLAN:

What I need to update or improve:	
What makes me feel confident:	
My signature style:	
What I'll wear on first dates:	

Emotional Presentation

HOW YOU SHOW UP EMOTIONALLY MATTERS MORE THAN LOOKS.

ATTRACTIVE EMOTIONAL QUALITIES:

- □ Confident (not arrogant)
- □ Positive and optimistic
- □ Good listener
- Curious about others
- Sense of humor
- □ Emotionally regulated
- Authentic and genuine
- Warm and friendly
- Present and engaged
- □ Respectful

UNATTRACTIVE EMOTIONAL QUALITIES:

- X Desperate or needy
- X Negative or bitter
- X Self-absorbed
- X Defensive or guarded



- X Oversharing too soon
- X Critical or judgmental
- X Distracted (on phone)
- X Talking only about ex
- **X** Complaining constantly

YOUR EMOTIONAL PRESENTATION:	
My strengths:	
What I need to work on:	
How I'll show up on dates:	

Conversation Skills

GOOD CONVERSATION IS KEY TO CONNECTION.

DO:

- √ Ask open-ended questions
- √ Listen actively (not just waiting to talk)
- √ Share about yourself (balanced, not dominating)
- √ Show genuine interest
- √ Find common ground
- √ Use humor appropriately
- √ Be present (not distracted)
- √ Follow up on what they share

DON'T:

- X Interrogate (too many questions without sharing)
- X Monologue (talking only about yourself)
- X Overshare (too much too soon)



- X Talk only about ex or past relationships
- X Complain or be negative
- Be on your phone
- **X** Interview mode (feels like job interview)
- X Controversial topics too soon (politics, religion, etc.)

CONVERSATION STARTERS:

Good questions to ask:

- "What do you love to do in your free time?"
- "What are you passionate about?"
- "What's been the highlight of your week?"
- "What's something you're looking forward to?"
- "Tell me about [something from their profile]"
- "What's your favorite way to spend a Sunday?"
- "What's something most people don't know about you?"

Your go-to conversation starters:

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TOPICS TO EXPLORE:

Early dates (light and fun):

- Hobbies and interests
- Travel and adventures
- Food and restaurants
- Work (but not too much)
- Family (general, not too deep)
- Entertainment (shows, movies, music)
- Future plans and dreams

Later dates (deeper):

- Values and beliefs
- Past relationships (what you learned)
- Life goals and vision
- What you're looking for
- Deal-breakers and non-negotiables



- Family dynamics
- Challenges and growth

Don't rush the deep stuff. Build foundation first.

Red Flags to Watch For

WHILE DATING, WATCH FOR RED FLAGS:

BEHAVIORAL RED FLAGS:

- Disrespectful to servers or staff
- □ Rude or dismissive
- Talks badly about ex (bitter, blaming)
- On phone constantly
- Late without apology or communication
- □ Doesn't listen
- Interrupts constantly
- □ Dominates conversation
- Lies or inconsistencies in their story
- Pressures you (physically, emotionally)

EMOTIONAL RED FLAGS:

- Love-bombs (too much too soon)
- Hot and cold behavior
- Emotionally unavailable
- Defensive or reactive
- Can't take responsibility
- Victim mentality (everything is someone else's fault)
- Jealous or possessive early on
- Talks about moving fast (marriage, moving in, etc.)

LIFESTYLE RED FLAGS:

- Active addiction
- Unemployed with no plan
- Lives with ex
- □ Not over ex
- Chaotic or unstable life
- No friends or support system
- Isolated or isolating
- Financial irresponsibility

COMPATIBILITY RED FLAGS:

□ Different life goals (kids, marriage, location)



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- □ Different relationship timeline
- □ Deal-breakers present

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When	I see a red flag, I will:	
YOUF	R RED FLAG RESPONSE:	

Remember: One red flag might be a fluke. Multiple red flags are a pattern. Trust your gut.



PART 5: EVALUATION - ASSESSING COMPATIBILITY

Early Date Evaluation

AFTER EACH DATE, EVALUATE:

CHEMISTRY CHECK:

- Was there attraction? (physical, emotional, intellectual)
- Did conversation flow easily?
- Did I feel comfortable?
- Was there laughter and lightness?
- Did I feel like myself?
- □ Did time fly or drag?

If no chemistry, it's okay to move on. Chemistry matters.

COMPATIBILITY CHECK:

- Do we share core values?
- Do we want similar things?
- Are our lifestyles compatible?
- Do our communication styles work?
- Are we looking for the same type of relationship?
- □ Do I see potential here?

If major incompatibilities, it's okay to move on. Don't force it.

RED FLAG CHECK:

- Did I notice any red flags?
- Did anything make me uncomfortable?
- Did they respect my boundaries?
- Was anything inconsistent or concerning?
- What does my gut say?

If red flags are present, proceed with caution or move on.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT:

Do I want to see them again?

- Yes, definitely
- Yes, but I need more information



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□ No, not a good fit

Why or why not?		

The 3-Date Rule

GIVE IT AT LEAST 3 DATES (unless major red flags or no chemistry)

Why?

- First date nerves can affect connection
- People reveal more over time
- Chemistry can build
- You get clearer picture

After 3 dates, you should know:

- Is there chemistry?
- Is there compatibility?
- Do I want to continue?
- Is this worth investing more time?

Your evaluation timeline:

Decision Points

WHEN TO KEEP DATING THEM:

- Chemistry and attraction present
- Core compatibility exists
- No major red flags
- □ They treat you well
- □ You feel good around them
- □ Potential for growth
- You're excited to see them again

WHEN TO MOVE ON:

□ No chemistry or attraction



- Major incompatibilities
- □ Red flags present
- □ They don't treat you well
- You don't feel like yourself
- Your gut says no
- You're forcing it

Trust your assessment. Don't waste time on wrong people.

Pacing and Progression

HEALTHY DATING PROGRESSION:

Dates 1-3: Getting to know you

- Light and fun
- Surface-level topics
- Assessing chemistry and compatibility
- Keeping it casual

Dates 4-8: Deeper connection

- More personal topics
- Sharing values and goals
- · Spending more time together
- Physical intimacy may begin (based on your boundaries)

Dates 9-12: Evaluating potential

- Discussing relationship goals
- Meeting friends (maybe)
- Deeper emotional intimacy
- · Assessing long-term compatibility

After 3 months: Exclusivity conversation

Are we on the same page?

Your pacing preferences:

- Do we want to be exclusive?
- What are we building toward?



PART 6: ACCOUNTABILITY - STAYING ON TRACK

Your Dating Goals **SHORT-TERM GOALS (1-3 months):** Goal 1: **Action steps:** Deadline: Goal 2: **Action steps:** Deadline: Goal 3: **Action steps:** Deadline:



LONG-TERM GOALS (6-12 months):

Goal 1:	H.V.L. €
Action steps:	
Deadline:	
Goal 2:	
Action steps:	
Deadline:	
Weekly Dating Action Plan	
EACH WEEK, I WILL: Online dating: Update/refresh profile Swipe/browse for minutes per day Initiate conversations Respond to all messages within 24 hours In-person: Attend social events or activities Say yes to invitations Put myself in situations to meet people Be open and approachable	



Dates:	
□ Go on dates per week (if opportunities aris	e)
 Evaluate each date honestly 	
□ Follow up appropriately	
Self-care:	
 Maintain my life outside dating 	
 Keep up with friends and hobbies 	
□ Practice self-care	
□ Stay grounded and balanced	
Tracking Your Progress	
WEEKLY CHECK-IN:	
Week of:	
What I did:	
Detections and	
Dates I went on:	
What went well:	
Wheat are a shallow with an	
What was challenging:	
Insights or lessons:	
Adjustments for next week:	
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Accountability Partners

WHO WILL KEEP YOU ACCOUNTABLE? **Accountability partner 1:** Name: _____ How they'll help: Check-in frequency: **Accountability partner 2:** Name: _____ How they'll help: Check-in frequency: Your coach: Dante Yigael - 832-800-0417 Coaching sessions: When to Adjust Your Plan **EVALUATE YOUR PLAN MONTHLY:** What's working: What's not working: What needs to change: New strategies to try: Be flexible. Adjust as needed. This is a living plan.

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PART 7: SELF-CARE WHILE DATING

Staying Grounded

DATING CAN BE EXHAUSTING. STAY GROUNDED.

DAILY GROUNDING PRACTICES:

- Morning routine (meditation, journaling, etc.)
- Physical activity
- Healthy meals
- □ Adequate sleep
- □ Time with friends
- Hobbies and interests
- □ Alone time

Don't let dating consume your life.

Managing Dating Fatigue

SIGNS OF DATING FATIGUE:

- □ Feeling exhausted or burned out
- Cynical or negative about dating
- Going through the motions
- Not excited about dates
- Comparing everyone to everyone
- Feeling hopeless

WHEN YOU NOTICE FATIGUE:

- Take a break (1-4 weeks)
- Focus on self-care
- Reconnect with your life
- Process your feelings
- Return when refreshed

Your self-care plan while dating:



Handling Rejection

REJECTION IS PART OF DATING. EVERYONE EXPERIENCES IT.

WHEN YOU'RE REJECTED:

- Feel your feelings (disappointment is normal)
- Don't take it personally (it's about fit, not worth)
- Learn what you can
- Move on quickly
- Remember: You only need one right person

YOUR REJECTION RECOVERY PLAN:
When I'm rejected, I will:
1
2
3
I will remind myself:
Celebrating Progress
CELEBRATE YOUR WINS, BIG AND SMALL:
Celebrate when you:
□ Go on a date
□ Set a boundary
□ Walk away from wrong person
□ Have good conversation
□ Stay true to your standards
□ Put yourself out there
□ Try something new
□ Learn something about yourself
How you'll celebrate:

FINAL REMINDERS



You're Dating with Purpose

YOU'RE NOT JUST HOPING TO MEET SOMEONE.

You're:

- Dating with intention
- Choosing strategically
- Honoring your standards
- Staying true to yourself
- Building toward the relationship you want

This is powerful.

The Right Person Is Out There

THE RIGHT PERSON FOR YOU EXISTS.

They're:

- Looking for someone like you
- Ready for what you offer
- Compatible with your values and goals
- Worth the wait and effort

Keep going. Stay open. Trust the process.

Dating Is a Skill

DATING GETS EASIER WITH PRACTICE.

You'll get better at:

- Presenting yourself
- Reading people
- Spotting red flags
- Having conversations
- Evaluating compatibility
- Trusting your gut

Be patient with yourself. You're learning.

You've Got This



YOU HAVE:

- Clarity on what you want
- Awareness of your patterns
- Strategy for meeting people
- Tools for evaluation
- Support and accountability

YOU'RE READY.

Go find the love you deserve.

NEXT STEPS

AFTER COMPLETING THIS RESOURCE:

- □ Implement your dating action plan
- Set up/update online dating profiles
- Schedule activities to meet people
- Go on first date within 2 weeks
- Track your progress weekly
- Check in with accountability partners
- □ Review Resource 2.3: Red Flags vs. Growth Opportunities
- Bring questions and updates to coaching sessions

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- Dating Coaching
- Couples Coaching
- Intimacy Coaching
- Strategic Dating Support

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- Strategic and intentional
- Supportive and encouraging
- Focused on results

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You have a plan. Now take action.

Your person is out there. Go find them.

