

Q&A: Can You Tell by Someone's Social Network If They're the Relationship Type?



Question from Charlie W.: When I first meet someone, I always add them on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and do the inevitable cyber-stalking that everyone does but no one wants to admit. Are there signs that show if someone is the relationship type or just looking to have a good time?

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): It's so true: No one likes to admit to cyber-stalking, but the reality is, checking out a man that you just started dating on Facebook, Twitter, and

Instagram can really tell you so much about him. You'll find out what's important to him and what he likes to do in his free time.

While there aren't any specific indicators to tell if he's the relationship type, there are some signs to watch out for that reveal if he's just looking to have a good time. If he posts a lot of photos of himself surrounded by beautiful women (you know the type – I think every woman knows a man like this!), he could be feeling the need to be validated and just want to play the field. Or if he posts a lot of photos of him partying and having fun with his buddies, he might still be in the *Animal House* phase of his life and not have any intentions of getting serious with someone. Ultimately, there aren't hard and fast rules when it comes to determining if a man is relationship material; however, these are some red flags to look for while you're dating him.

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Paige Wyatt, Reality Star: Finding out what a person is like through social media can be a tricky thing, but it can be a good way to see if they are worthy of getting to know more after a first impression. A good way to tell if someone is the relationship type is to look at the activities they like. If they enjoy hiking, cooking, reading, or spending time with friends or family, they may be more of the relationship type. But if there are tons of pictures at clubs, bars, or parties, they may be just looking to have a good time. Though these signs give a good idea of what a person likes to do, they are *not* the best way to find out who they really are. Instead, get to know them in person and spend quality time together.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): If you dig deep enough, you can get a

reasonable idea about someone's relationship potential based on their social media activity. We all take a look at our new dates online, but we need to be careful not to prejudge our prospects solely based on their tweets, Facebook posts, and Instagram photos. Not only is the content mostly superficial, but it takes a lot of the fun and mystery out of dating! After all, the best way to get to know someone is in person.

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Have you ever judged someone you're dating based on their social media activity? Tell us about it in the comments below!