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Matchmaking for the discerning... and the discreet!

DATING TIPS

Professional Matchmaker, Samantha Daniels, who is the president of Samantha's Table Matchmaking (www.SamanthasTable.com) and has helped close to 100 couples get married offers some dating tips from her book, *Matchbook: The Diary of the Modern-Day Matchmaker* (Simon & Schuster)(which, like **CBSNews.com**, is part of the **CBS** Corporation).

Answering your cell phone several times during a date is inappropriate. If you need to answer your phone, the polite thing to do is tell your date that you will need to do this at the beginning of the date so he or she doesn't take it personally.

If you are in a bad mood, you are better off canceling the date because you only get one chance to make a good first impression.

If you are rude to wait staff, your date will think it's just a matter of time before you will be equally rude to them.

If you spend all your time hanging out with married people, you are unlikely to find a person to marry yourself.

People who use dating/matchmaking services are not desperate; they are just busy and desirous of getting married.

Women should always wear lip-gloss on a date. Lip-gloss makes your lips seem kissable!

Always have an arsenal of backup dating conversation topics on hand: where you last traveled, a funny childhood story, or your favorite new restaurant.

Men like women who go out on a flirtatious limb, and do something like sending them an unexpected email or taking them for an evening out on the town.

If there's ever a lull in the conversation, go with a compliment. People love to be complimented.

Even beautiful sexy women get nervous before dates.

Men like pretty, well-kept women, this is a fact. You need to do the very best with what you have.

There are no supposed to's in dating.

Excuses don't get you anywhere. If you want to meet someone you need to be proactive and try to meet someone.

Always have a plan for a date. Women like men who take charge of dates.

People gravitate to people who smile, who have good posture and who don't cross their arms.

If you've met a lot of singles who weren't for you, but were good people, become an amateur Matchmaker because what comes around could go around.

Don't be self critical on your date. How is someone else going to like you if you don't seem to like yourself?

If you get invited, you go because you never know who you are going to meet. This is what my Grandmother always told me.