

# Grady's Rules

## HOW CAN YOU TELL IF YOU'RE IN LOVE ENOUGH TO GET MARRIED?

1. Imagine the person you think you're in love with horribly disfigured. Burnt, missing a nose, or scarred. **Would you still love them?**
2. Imagine the person you think you're in love with, bald. **Would you still love them?**
3. Imagine that person you think you're in love with, having no teeth. Imagine kissing them, imagine the family photo. **Are you still in love?**
4. Imagine the person you think you're in love with 300 pounds overweight. **Would you still love them?**
5. Imagine the person you think you're in love with, looking real fine. However, mentally something has gone wrong. They've developed a mental illness. Perhaps they are addicted to alcohol or drugs, or they've become depressed and cry for days refusing to leave the house. Mental illness is treatable, but nothing that's going to be fixed overnight. **Do you love them enough to stay?**
6. Imagine the person you think you're in love with, unable to have sex with you – **ever! Are you still in love?**

If the answer to all six questions is yes, you're in love. If your partner answers all six yes, you've got the greatest gift! **AND**, if the answer to #6 is yes, then I guess sex can wait, can't it?

You see, real love takes the fat with the skinny, the bald with the hairy, the just brushed my teeth breath with the I forgot this morning breath.

Most importantly, it takes the times you can enjoy each other in every way, with the times one of you is sick and dying, and you have to love that person enough to change their diaper, because they can't go to the bathroom any other way.

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