

7 Signs of an Unhealthy Soul Tie

Sex is a tridimensional experience: spirit, soul and body. Anytime you have sex with a person, you bond with them.

Dr. Daniel Amen writes in his book, *Change Your Brain, Change Your Life*, "Whenever a person is sexually involved with another person, neurochemical changes occur in both their brains that encourage limbic, emotional bonding. Limbic bonding is the reason casual sex doesn't really work for most people on a whole mind and body level. Two people may decide to have sex 'just for the fun of it,' yet something is occurring on another level that they might not have decided on at all: Sex is enhancing an emotional bond between them whether they want it or not. One person, often the woman, is bound to form an attachment and will be hurt when a casual affair ends. One reason it is usually the woman who is hurt most is that the female limbic system is larger than the male's."

This is what we call soul ties. Sex is like gluing two pieces of wood together and the next day ripping them apart. Of course, wood from the opposite board remains on each board. A piece of your sex partner (the good, bad and ugly) stays with you (and vice versa) for the rest of your life. You can only imagine what it looks like when you bond with multiple partners.

Unhealthy soul ties are often the ramifications of having partners that you create a lifelong bond with through a sexual encounter (or multiple encounters), but with whom you only have a short-term relationship with. The bond (soul tie) remains long after the relationship is over, leaving both sexual partners longing for wholeness.

Here are three reasons unhealthy soul ties occur:

1. People are misinformed and, therefore, convinced that sex is strictly a single-dimensional, physical act with no emotional or spiritual connections. Yet after sex, they find themselves mysteriously longing for the person they may not even like.

2. A person (usually the woman) gives herself sexually to someone, expecting that the intensely intimate act of intercourse would create a bond that would lead to deeper levels of commitment in the relationship. But soon she discovers that her sexual partner was taking advantage of her need for intimacy and used her vulnerability to have sex. Of course, this leads to a person being emotionally and spiritually bonded to somebody they deeply resent!

3. Two people commit to marriage and, therefore, surmise that the covenant vows are only a formality. So they live together and enjoy a sexual relationship outside of a lifelong commitment. But later they decide (for whatever reason) that they don't want to live in a covenant relationship and eventually break up. They usually don't realize how deeply they have wounded each other as their souls are ripped apart, tearing the very fabric of their beings in the separation.

I understand that there are hundreds of other reasons why unhealthy soul ties take place, but I am simply trying to give you a few examples.

Here are seven signs that you have an unhealthy soul tie:

1. You are in a physically, emotionally or spiritually abusive relationship, but you "feel" so attached to the person that you refuse to cut off the connection and set boundaries.

2. You have left a relationship (maybe long ago), but you think about the other person obsessively. You can't get them out of your mind.

3. Whenever you do anything—make a decision, have a conversation with someone and so forth—you “feel” like this person is with you or watching you.

4. When you have sex with someone else (hopefully your husband or wife), you can hardly keep yourself from visualizing the person you have a soul tie with.

5. You take on the negative traits of the person that your soul is tied to and carry their offenses whether or not you actually agree with them.

6. You defend your right to stay in a relationship with the person that your soul is tied to, even though it is negatively effecting or even destroying the important relationships in your life (husband, wife, kids, leaders and so forth).

7. You have simultaneous experiences or “moods” as the person your soul is tied to. This can even include sickness, accidents, addictions and more.

1 Corinthians 6:15 says, “Do you not know that your bodies are the parts of Christ? Shall I then take the parts of Christ and make them the parts of a harlot? God forbid!”

There Is Hope

There is hope if you find yourself in an unhealthy soul tie. You can never fall so far that you can't be restored. New life is available to you by simply repenting and asking Jesus to forgive you. Forgiveness restores the standard in our lives, and you can live in freedom and hope again.

For more on this subject, check out my book *Moral Revolution*.

Have you been freed from an unhealthy soul tie? Tell me about it in the comments below. {eoa}

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