Hiring & Firing

When you decide on a supervisor (that is, if you have a choice), ask yourself the following questions:

1. Does the professor have the expertise I am looking for? Is she knowledgeable on my topic? Does her theoretical and methodological approach appeal to me? What's her skill-set and how could it benefit my work?

2. Is supervision one of her priorities? If not, could I cope with that? How?

3. Do our personalities match? Can I see myself working with her in good and in bad times?

4. What's the size of the professor's ego? Could I cope with it?

5. How could being her supervisee help me reach my professional goals?

6. Are there any other academics I'd like to have on my team? How could I involve them?