



## DATING & MARRIAGE

Foundations In The Faith Study #9

### Dating

#### Benefits of Singleness

- Caring for things that belong to the Lord and pleasing Him (1 Corinthians 7:32-34).
- Allows you to be solely used by Christ (1 Corinthians 7:35).

#### Problems of Singleness

- Fornication: It is good for a man not to touch a woman (1 Corinthians 7:1-2).
- Loneliness: We need to fellowship with other Christians (Hebrews 10:25).

### Dating

*Wait upon the Lord (1 Corinthians 7:27).*

- The right way: Isaac and Rebekah (Genesis 24).
- The wrong way: Samson (Judges 14 & 15).

*Relationship must center in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:2).*

- Washed in the Word (Ephesians 5:26).
- Prayer (Philippians 4:6).

*Do not be joined with an unbeliever (Missionary Dating) 2 Corinthians 6:14-15.*

### Purpose of Dating

- Dating is a time to know each other well without sexual involvement.
- Dating is a time to evaluate your compatibility and sense of responsibility.
- Dating is a time to understand the depth of your love and commitment to each other.

### Marriage

#### God's Purpose in Marriage

- God declares it is not good for man to be alone (Genesis 2:18).
- Genesis 2:18 – "...I will make him a helper comparable to him."
- Covenant relationship (Genesis 2-3).

#### Intimacy in Marriage-Marriage is based on commitment not romance

*What do you call your spouse – Song of Solomon 1*

- Solomon calls the Shulamite "My love" meaning to guard and care for.
- The Shulamite calls Solomon "my beloved," meaning: "love."

*Encouragement – Song of Solomon 1*

- Solomon described the place she had in his heart "fairest".
- Restored her confidence: Comparing her to his prize mare.

***Sexual love is only within marriage – Hebrews 13:4***

**Essentials in Marriage. Genesis 2**

***Severance***

- “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother...” (Genesis 2:24).
- Cord must be cut with the parents.
- Break the parent-child bond.

***Permanence***

- “and be joined to his wife”. Genesis 2:24

***Unity – 1 Corinthians 7:3-4***

- Unity is not to be misconstrued as uniformity.
- Unity is the whole idea of mutual acceptance, giving, listening, forgiving, belonging, and direction was implied.
- The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife and likewise also the wife to her husband.

**Husband and Wife Responsibilities – Ephesians 5**

***A wife must submit to her husband (Ephesians 5:22).***

- Recognize him as the head (Ephesians 5:22).
- Respect him (Ephesians 5:33).
- Love him (Titus 2:4).
- The woman is to be the helpmate, supporting and encouraging her husband in the Lord (Genesis 2:18).

***Lessons for Wives – 1 Peter 3:1-6***

- Behavior: Silent preaching of a lovely life.
- Appearance: Wife must be pure within, but do not stop when you get to the outside.
- Attitude: Cultivate the “hidden person of the heart.” Strength and honor are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in time to come (Proverbs 31:25).

***Lessons for Husbands – 1 Peter 3:7***

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- Know your wife and “dwell together according to knowledge”.
- Honor your wife.

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**Practical Application:**

1. Spend 15 minutes in silence reflection and write down the four things you appreciate the most about your spouse.

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2. Using 1 Peter 3:1-7, admit the one trait you would like God to change in your life.

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3. Set at least two goals for your marriage. Pray together that God will make them a reality.

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Marriage is not so much finding the right person as it is being the right person.

**What have we learned through this study?**

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**Do you have any questions, problems, or comments that you would like to share with us?**

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