

Series: Relationships**Sermon: Dating – Ephesians 5:1-2****The Myths Of Dating**

- Proverbs 14:15-16, 2 Corinthians 6:14, Romans 12:1-2

The Goals Of Dating**1. Walking in love**

- John 13:34-35, Ephesians 5:1-3

2. Becoming the right person to find the right person

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

3. Glorifying God

- 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, Song of Songs 8:4

How To Date

- Proverbs 4:23

What Every Guy Needs To Know About Dating**The goals**

1. Becoming the right person so you can find the right person. (Ephesians 5:1-3, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 2 Corinthians 6:14)
2. To be a man of noble character that others can rely on.
Def. of nobility – High moral qualities and greatness of character (Isaiah 32:1-2, 8, Luke 8:15)
3. To be a spiritual leader like Christ and to glorify God with your body (2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20)

The expectations

1. Help her see herself as God's beautiful daughter, and protect her purity and your own (Psalm 119:9-10)
2. Take spiritual responsibility as a man:
 - Pray for her.
 - Maintain and encourage both of your relationships with God, church, family and friends.
 - You are the one to say no when things start to go too far.
3. Treat her with Christ-like love (Eph. 5:25-27, Col. 3:17)

The reason or purpose

- The purpose of dating is to find the person with whom you want to spend the rest of your life without your hearts being broken.
- To learn how to have healthy interaction with the opposite sex.
- To let her know that you can be trusted to make her feel safe and protected.
- Help her know that she is beautiful both inside and out, because the world is sending the wrong message to them.
- Intentionally practice the spiritual leadership your future family will need.
- The world needs men who can handle all kinds of responsibility with integrity, and it starts with dating.

The guidelines and boundaries

- Continue your involvement in church
- Continue to get together with your group of friends.
- Hands between the neck and waist - on the back side ☺
- Friendly kisses not long passionate kisses.
- It's not wise to be alone in a room with the door closed.
- Discuss in 3 to 4 months if this relationship is to move forward or return to friendship relationship.

Provide accountability

- I'll be asking how things are going.