

So You Want to Go Out on a Date!

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I. Introduction

A. Late night thoughts.

B. God is the creator – He makes the rules.

1. You shall have no other God's before me.
2. You shall not steal.
3. You shall not murder.
4. You shall not sleep with another man's wife or another woman's husband.
5. You shall honor your mother and father.
6. You shall only date born again believers that actually love and obey God.
7. You shall not be a wimp and ask her friend to find out to see if she likes you.
8. You shall not defile temple of the Holy Spirit.

C. But is dating biblical?

1. Our cultural practice – spend time with a girl for companionship which may or may not lead to marriage.
2. Worldly dating leads ultimately to sexual immorality – sin.
 - **Galatians 5:19**
 - a. Immorality – pornea – to sell or surrender your sexual purity.
 - b. Sensuality – lewd, sexually crude.
 - c. Impurity – unclean, lustful living.
3. Betrothal – binding agreement to be married. Only divorce could stop it. Illustration – Betrothal app.
4. Goal of dating should be marriage.

II. What age should you start dating?

A. When your parents think you are mature enough to do so.

- **Ephesians 6:1**

B. How do you know when you are mature enough?

1. Godly self-control

- **Galatians 5:22-23**

2. You have a real relationship with God.
 - a. You obey Him.
 - b. You actually like reading your Bible, praising, and worshipping God.

C. You should be able to hold a job.

- **2 Thessalonians 3:10**

D. He has made everything beautiful in its season (**Ecc. 3:11a**). What season?

1. If your parents say no.
2. If the guy or girl or both are immature.
3. Illustration – Guys are initiators, ladies are responders, women bloom with attention.
4. Illustration 2 – John wanting to date a certain woman.

III. Who should you ask out?

- A. What about a dating app?
- B. Did you pray – I prayed about Debbie.
- C. You shall only date born again Christians

- **2 Corinthians 6:14**

1. About 70% of all Americans say they are Christian.
2. How do you know the guy or girl is a Christian?
3. Illustration – John's student living with boyfriend.

IV. How should you treat your date?

- A. Kind, not angry.
- B. Patient, don't try to change each other.
- C. Let him/her have space – don't pressure the other person: physically, emotionally.
- D. How to avoid jealousy. (**Galatians 5:19-20**) – *zelos* – hot enough to boil.
 1. Take every thought captive (**2 Corinthians 10:5**)
 2. You don't own this person.
- E. With purity – (**1 Corinthians 6:19**)

V. How should you end your date?

- A. Is kissing alright? Illustration: Making out on couch/John-Deb

B. What about everything else? The purpose of sensual kissing is to prepare two people to go all the way.

1. Flee youthful lusts.

- **2 Timothy 2:22**

2. Behave properly

- **Romans 13:13-14**

VI. Conclusion

A. God calls us to be holy.

B. We don't dare defile a temple of the Holy Spirit.

C. God wants a bride without spot or blemish.

- **Ephesians 5:27**