

Dating in 2011

Perspective - 1 Corinthians 7:29 and 7:32

Interests of Others - Philippians 2:3&4

Love and Respect - Ephesians 5:25

Leave and Cleave - Genesis 2:18 and 2:24

Unequally Yoked - 2 Corinthians 6:14

Avoid every form of evil - 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

Flee Immorality - 1 Corinthians 6:18

Pursue Purity - Proverbs 6:25 and Matthew 5:28

“Everyone is to act in view of the fact that the time is indeed fleeting, the Lord’s return is nearing, and no consideration of personal comfort is to be allowed to hinder devotion to the will of God” (Ironsides).

Scriptural Daters: (what do we learn?)

Are we content with God as our _____ ?

The bottom line:

Why begin a relationship?

- A. I’m lonely
- B. She’s beautiful
- C. We’re in love
- D. The Lord is leading me to do this
- E. My parents think we’re a match
- F. Our friends think we’re made for each other
- G. Everyone else has a gf/bf

When should I begin a relationship?

- A. I’m old enough and I’m ready for the responsibility
- B. (guys) I can provide for both of us
- C. I’m ready to put others; interests above my own
- D. I have a heart and mind bent towards a scriptural view of men/women

How should I begin a relationship? (Hallmark style!)

- A. The man should take the lead
- B. Pursue purity

The Timeline: At each stage...

- Information shared
- Kinds of dates/activities
- Considerations
- Breaking up
- Taking the next step

Information Landmarks:

- _____ dreams for the future
- _____ inner / spiritual thoughts
- _____ surface emotions
- _____ deeper emotions
- _____ one-on-one together
- _____ late-night phone calls
- _____ saying “I love you”
- _____ others