

*God's Plan for  
Dating and Marriage:*

*What Every Person Should  
Know Before They Start Dating*

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## ***Introduction***

In many cultures dating is not allowed. A Muslim woman cannot be alone in a room with a man unless he is her husband. Marriages are arranged in many societies. The idea of sending a young man and young woman alone on a date was not thought of in earlier times in our country. The results of our modern practice of dating are not good. When one looks at the divorce rate, one has to conclude that many people did not take dating seriously enough and/or did not know what they were doing. Pregnancies have become a common result of “dating” or “going out.”

This book is designed to examine what the Bible teaches about relationships, choosing a mate, and marriage. Discussion is also encouraged as parents and teachers must understand the terms used by young people and what they mean. I remember questioning a High School class, “How many of you know someone that is having sex?” Before I could get the question out, all of their hands went up. Pre-marital sex is common today and sadly more of “our” young people are engaging in sex outside of marriage. The only way to stem the tide is to teach frankly and honestly about sex, dating, and marriage. Here’s my attempt to do so.

*– Dennis Tucker*

***Lesson 1: Dating and Courtship***

Genesis 2:24; Deuteronomy 22:23-27; Ruth 2 & 3; Matthew 1:18;  
1 Corinthians 7:1-3.

Sex and dating have become synonymous. Television shows such as *Sex and the City* treat the sexual relationship as casual and just an extension of the dating process. Terms such as “Friends with Benefits,” “Hook up Buddies,” and others have been coined to describe a relationship where people engage in sex without any thought to morality. Yet the sexual relationship was never meant to be “casual” or “temporary.” Sex is not intended for a “friend” but for a husband or wife that is your best friend. One way to wreck your life is to engage in pre-marital sex. Along this line, thought needs to be given about what you wear on a date. Immodesty is a problem in our culture in both manner of dress and attitudes. Young ladies are wearing clothes with low necklines, jeans that are form fitting and low on the hips, skirts that reveal the legs up to and sometimes past the thigh, shorts that have slogans across their behind thereby drawing attention to their rear. Young men also are not immune to immodesty, wearing clothes that are tight; revealing their chest, legs, and leaving little covered. Men and women are stimulated by different things. Men tend to be visually excited and there in lies the danger in immodesty.

At the same time, movies, television shows, advertising, novels, magazines, music, and just about every other media are promoting open sexual behavior. We have come a long way from the Beatles singing *I want to hold your hand*, to what we have today. Young people need to be prepared, before they start dating, to resist the temptations they will face.

1. Give your definition of a “date.”
2. What is the purpose of dating?

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3. Is there a difference between a date and “going out?” Explain.
  
4. What passages can you find in the Bible on dating?
  
5. Describe the courtship of Boaz and Ruth.
  - a. What qualities did Boaz admire in Ruth?
  
  - b. What qualities do you think Ruth admired in Boaz?
  
6. What are some ways a person can win the heart of the opposite sex?
  
7. What is romance? Proverbs 30:18-19
  
8. Look at the list below and what are some advantages and disadvantages of each one on a date?
  - a. Going to a bar (place where alcohol is served) -



- b. Going out with some friends to eat, or a ball game -
  
- c. Going out with one person (alone) -
  
- d. Going to someone's house where you will be alone -

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e. Going out driving and parking -

f. Going into someone's bedroom (even when there are parents in the house) -

9. List the qualities you want in a mate -

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

g.

h.

10. What influence does your family have on who you date?

11. What are the consequences of:

a. Dating one person for a long period of time –

b. Dating someone just to be dating –

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c. Dating a number of people –



d. Petting (making out) on a date –

e. Pre-marital sex –

12. What responsibilities do you have on a date?

a. To your date –

b. To your parents –

c. To the parents of your date –

d. To your future spouse –

13. What responsibilities does your date have?

14. Define the following:

a. Lust –

b. Infatuation –

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c. Love –

15. Are your clothes suggesting more than simply a date? Where are you going to go on a date?

### **Practical Application:**

1. What is rape and date rape?
2. What precautions can you take to avoid being raped or date raped?
3. What should you do if your date suggests going parking?
4. What kind of clothes should you wear on a date?
5. What would you think if someone gave you their phone number and made it plain that they expected to have sex with you on a date?