

# The Dating Game

## Rom. 12:1,2 dmf/MSBC

**Intro:** I realize that Biblical Courting is gaining ground among conservative Christians, but to expect American Teens to reform the American Tradition of Dating, is like preaching against teens having cell phones.

### ARE YOU DATE MATERIAL? WHAT DOES ONE DO ON DATES?

### WHAT NOT TO DO ON A DATE THE DANGERS OF DATING

*You date to find a mate.....are you mat-erial??*

#### I. ARE YOU DATE MATERIAL?

- a. How are you doing **Spiritually?? Are you SAVED?!!** Are you in the Word?? Are you growing spiritually? Are you faithful to church?? **BECAUSE: if you are carnal and worldly you will make carnal and Worldly choices!!!** \*\*\*
- b. How are you **Socially?** Do you feel ugly?? Clumsy ? Social Outcast? And what about personal habits of = TV, Music, Fashions, Magazines Do you desire to fit in w/ the world? To be accepted??? \*\*If you lack good Christian friends maybe you need to be more friendly?
- c. How are you **Sensibly?** Why do you want to date ??

Because others ARE ??? REALLY !!!???

So much of Dating is hypocritical:

Don't Belch, latest clothes, White Teeth, Clean Car, B.O.

Lots of Compliments, Cologne, Never act Bored, Laugh at Jokes!

IS THIS REALLY YOU ????

#### II. WHAT DOES ONE DO ON A DATE:

- a. Who is a date? You are choosing about hair, food, soft drinks, shoes, Cell phone, and teeth. Your associations are so important: I Cor. 5:9-13 and 7:39 II Cor. 6:14 -18 What are your standards? Your ability to be compatible is based largely on your standards/convictions!!!  
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- b. B. What is a Date?? It is a social activity, a time to enjoy one another and a certain event, to see if God might create a mutual affection between the 2 of you.

**It's NOT a Human Anatomy Class!!=hands, lips, neck..**

**You may be familiar with their looks .....but what about:**

\*Their Relationship with **Christ??** \* Relationship with **Parents???**

\*Relationship with their **Church??** \* And their views on **Doctrines?**

\*Their Views on the **Home??** \*And what about their **Work Ethic??**

You must talk.....have prayer together,..... have Bible Study

c. Where to Date:

Being alone in the basement, family room when folks are not home,

Helping baby sit!! Parking in a deserted area at night - **not good idea!**

How about church activities, a Rodeo, a Fair, Kings Island etc

***Where you would not be ashamed if Christ , or your Pastor came!***

***You can have fun w/o sinning !!!!!!!***

**III. WHAT NOT TO DO ON A DATE:**

In America we have Random Dating, Group Dating, Casual Dating

Serious Steady Dating, Informal and Formal Engagement Dating.

- a. **It's a Matter of Trust:** Luke 6:10-12 God vs. Lust Hey are you mad or scoff @ me !!!? Your argument is w/ GOD!!! **Lk.16:15**  
b. **It's a Matter of Touch:**

I Tim. 5:22 ".....keep thyself pure..." II Tim. 2:22 "Flee youthful lusts..."

Matt. 5:28 - Lust after a woman you commit adultery in your heart w/ her

I Thess. 4:3 - "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye abstain from fornication."

Eph. 5:3 - "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints."

***The hand holding, and little kisses, and touching ...lead to heavier petting and sexual arousal, which leads to fornication, guilt, shame, and utter ruin !!***

*Movies, Clubbing, Dances, Prom Night, Late Night Phone Talks, Chat Rooms Mix swimming, and hanging around with worldly loose couples will destroy YOU !!!!!!!!*

- c. **It's a Matter of Time:** Be willing to wait. Be at least 18 (don't laugh)

Concentrate on H.S. or College. If you are really in love, he/she can

wait, right???? Your wedding Night will be so much sweeter.

**Remember the Five P's**

**The RIGHT = Person, Place, Please God, Right Purpose, Principals:**

#### IV. THE DANGERS OF DATING:

THEY SEEM TO BE STARTING YOUNGER AND YOUNGER =  
BARBIE DOLLS, MAKE UP EARS PIERCED, EVEN DATING

##### a. The Downward Spiral:

***Boys give love in order to get sex, girls give sex in order to get love:***

**IMMORALITY KILLS!!!!!!!!!!**

\****Kills your Innocence*** - it is gone !!!

\****Kills your Personality*** - guilt and shame change you

\****Kills your Spiritually*** - you will lose your desire for godly things

\****Kills your Relationships*** - family, godly friends, pastor.....

\****Kills your Morals*** - who will be next !!!!???

\****Kills your Marriage*** - marriage is hard enough w/o all the baggage.

\****Kills your Future*** - Unless GOD intervenes. Old habits die hard!!

##### b. The Bottom Step

You won't see the cellar floor until you hit it!!!!!!

**The Binding Sin - Proverbs 5:22,23**

**The Burning Sin - Proverbs 6:23-28**

**The Bottomless Sin - Pro. 7:24-27**

**AND IF YOU ARE LOST, AND THE LORD NEVER SAVES YOU; YOU AND YOUR LUST WILL GO TO HELL AND BURN FOREVER!**

**If you are a Christian, you can lose your testimony, your joy, your health,  
your friends, your church, your life, and your Rewards**

##### c. The Upward Climb:

Though it is Hard, you can recover, be forgiven, and get your testimony back

**\*\*It all starts with Jesus Christ; are you truly saved, do you have Holy Spirit conviction, or are you laughing and disgusted w/ this sermon???**

- \*\*Confess your Sin!! - Humble yourself
- \*\*Forsake your Sin - Break it or HIM/ HER OFF !!!!
- \*\*Get in the WORD - Memorize scripture
- \*\*Get Active in your Church
- \*\*Seek Godly Accountability
- \*\*Observe Strict Dating Rules, submit to parents
- \*\*Guard your Heart = Music, TV, Thoughts.....

**Conclusion:** There will be Temptations, bad memories, and scars

But never minimize the value of a clear conscience!!!!

*Satan baits you with the wrong date*

*With whom your love will turn to hate,*

*Because fools never wait ,*

*For the right mate.*

Besides, your **BODY** is not yours' anyway!! **I Cor. 6:18-20**

***“I beseech ye therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but.....”***

***Roman 12:1,2***

Do not Play at Dating as a young Lady did in Cincinnati in 1862

She wrote a poem ..... “Beautiful Snow”

**If you play at the *Dating Game*, you will probably Lose!**

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