

There are three kinds of relationships—two of which are acceptable for Christians, and one of which is sinful (option #2).

#1 - Courtship

#2 – Non Christian Dating

#3 - Christian Dating

Christian Dating Principles for Both Men and Women

Maximize your singleness for God – This is VITAL...

Do not pursue a relationship until you are ready to marry.

Be reasonable – do not set your expectations too high or too low.

A date is not dating; date = time together; dating = couple (1 Tim. 5:1-2).

Never go on a date or date a non-Christian (2 Cor. 6:14).

Only date one person at a time.

He initiates; she responds. (Dating represents the love that Christ initiates toward us)

Look at who God puts in front of you (e.g. Boaz & Ruth)

Only invest in a relationship with someone who you are attracted to entirely (e.g. physically, mentally, spiritually, emotionally, ministry gifts).

Only date someone who agrees with you on life values and family.

Guard your heart (Prov. 4:23).

Christian Dating Questions for Men

Are you overlooking good women (e.g. single moms, shy, divorcees)?

Are you honoring, God, her, her family, her friends, etc.?

Is she modest (1 Tim. 2:9)?

Will she follow your leadership?

Does she have noble character (Prov. 31)?

Is she like the worst women in Proverbs (e.g. nag, loud, quarreling, unfaithful)?

Do you want your daughters to be like her and your sons to marry someone like her?

Christian Dating Questions for Women

Do you want to help him and join his course of life (Gen. 2:18; 1 Cor. 11:9)?

Is he tough enough to remain strong in tough times (2 Tim. 2:3)?

Will he take responsibility for you and your children (1 Cor. 11:3)? (Does he own up to his sin?)

Is he considerate and gentle with you (1 Peter 3:7)?

Will he be a good father (Ps. 127:3-5; Eph. 6:4)?

Is he a one-woman man (1 Tim. 3:2)?

How valuable are you to him?

Do you want your sons to be like him and your daughters to marry someone like him?