

Question: What advice would you give a young man who wants to begin dating?

We all understand the importance to a young man to have the company of a young woman. It is natural for unmarried people to want to spend time with someone of the opposite sex. However, there is far too much emphasis placed on "dating," and sometimes it is done for the wrong reasons. Many young men only have dreams of sexual fulfillment when they ask a young lady out for the evening. God has commanded, "because of sexual immorality (in order to avoid it, bj), let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband" (1Cor 7:2). King David once posed an important question on the subject of moral purity in youth, "How can a young man cleanse his way?" His answer, "By taking heed according to Your word" (Psalm 119:9). My advice to young men who are inclined to begin dating will only echo the counsel of God's Holy Word on the subject.

These should be the "Date Lines" for every young man:

"The parents of my girlfriend have placed their trust in me –
I will not let them down."

"I will respect my girlfriend –
As I expect other men to respect my sister."

"I will respect womanhood –
Because of the woman who gave birth to me."

"I will ask nothing of my girlfriend –
That would bring shame to my parents."

"My girlfriend has given me the honor of her company –
I will expect nothing more from her."

"My girlfriend will be a wife and mother someday –
I will help her to be the pride of her husband and an example to her children.
I will help her to be as pure and decent as I want my wife to be."

"Manhood means having a strength of character as well as of body –
A lack of self-control is a sign of weakness,
I want my girlfriend to know that I am man through my self-control."

"God is everywhere, sees everything, and knows everything –
Darkness may hide me from people, but it cannot hide me from God."

Perhaps we can post these words in our homes where our children can read them. Life is hard enough without trouncing upon God's fountain of marital love. He will hold our young people accountable for their sexual misconduct (Heb 13:4). Remember young ladies, it is likely that you will want to wear a white dress down the aisle when you get married -- don't make a mockery of that symbol of purity by giving yourselves away before the time. Young men, help the girls you date to maintain their moral and sexual purity. They may be trying to preserve it for your sake, or more importantly, for God's sake!

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