

Happiness In Your Home
Christian Guidelines For Dating



Text: Proverbs 6:20-7:27

I. Introduction

- Last Sunday we pointed out that it's important to get the right information about dating, and secondly, we pointed out that the Bible is the final authority for Christians.
- Biblical definition of love is "giving", not "getting"
- What good and spiritual thing can I give to this person

II. What Do You Believe About Love?

- Do you have a worldly, or a biblical definition of love?
- Pretty much everything you believe about romantic relationships is contingent on what you believe about love
- God made you! God is still making you!
- You are absolutely in love!
- You're a child of the King!
- You belong to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!
- Does the person you date lift you closer to God or pull you down?
- Dating is a predecessor of marriage
- There is a three-fold area of compatibility in marriage which consists of physical compatibility, emotional compatibility, and spiritual compatibility – the third area is the most important
- Unfortunately we tend to get these areas backward
- You should date only other Christians
- Should Christians marry non-Christians?
- **2 Corinthians 6:14-18**
- According to the Bible – no!
- The Greek word for bound together is **marriage**

III. Common Dating Mistakes

- **Proverbs 6:23-29**
- This scripture applies to adultery and fornication
- God's standards for sexual conduct

- Sex is something only within the circle of two people (man and woman) who are married to each other
- **1 John 1:9**
- The temptation to sin is always there
- Steps to giving in to sin starts with flattery or a look or a kiss or caress
- **Proverbs 6:24,25**
- **Proverbs 7:13,18**
- Don't allow physical beauty to cause you to fall away from Jesus
- You can be physically attractive and still be a wonderful Christian
- **Proverbs 5:4,7-10**
- There's always a price to pay when we sin against God
- More often than not, when you sin, innocent people frequently get hurt
- **Proverbs 5:12-14,21**
- **Proverbs 5:15**
- **Proverbs 5:11**

IV. Conclusion

- Make up your mind to be pleasing to God
- We need a generation of preachers and Christians to remain pure and live according to God's Word
- All can be forgiven in Christ's blood
- Believe!
- Confess!
- Repent!
- Be baptized!