

## Summer Love

Week 1

**Genesis 2:18 ESV / 3,696 helpful votes Helpful Not Helpful**

**Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."**

### **Title: Avoiding Situationships**

**Who here has been on a date before? Do you all go on dates anymore?**

"I was out with a guy having a lovely time, and he made a comment about a copper bangle bracelet I was wearing. I told him that it was really special to me because I got it during my semester abroad in South Africa from a local. It was a solid copper band, but in the middle, there was copper wire woven around. He asked to take a closer look, so I took it off and handed it to him. He then snapped it in half, thinking the copper wire was a spring. I was visibly upset, and he said it was a 'sign' that I needed to move on from my trip and stop living in the past. I never spoke to him again."

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We have all had bad dates, heard of bad dates, or maybe we just need to prepare ourselves.

### **Relationships are a big deal in your generations.**

The desire to be with someone.

The desire to be loved.

**Dating is a big deal to God. And how we do it matters. To him and to God.**

***How To Date honorably - to the lord and to that person.***

5 tips

## **1. Trust.**

Proverbs 31:10-11 ESV

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

Trust is a big deal for relationships.

We must be willing to trust and give trust to someone.

What that means. Being vulnerable and tell them the truth.

**Hear Me: Many of us when we try to date - we try to be someone we are not or cover up areas of our lives. But we need to be willing to be who we are and tell people about us.**

Stop putting up a front.

## **2. Be Faithful.**

Hebrews 13:4 ESV /

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Only talking to one person at a time.

**Hear ME: Digital dating has made cheating easier than ever. We can be with someone and still be talking to another person.**

Biblical dating calls us to live a life of faithfulness to the person we are talking to and the person we are married to.

**Some of you are like well Im just dating her, it isn't that big of a deal.  
Or i just like talking to a lot of people and keeping my options open.**

You might not think it is bad, but truthfully, if you make it a practice now, then you will probably end up doing it when you are married. You are pretty much practicing to be unfaithful when you are married.

**We need to be faithful.**

**To many people have been damaged by unfaithfulness.**

### **3. Strive for Purity.**

Genesis 2:24 ESV / 2,705 helpful votes

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

- Reminder or maybe the first time you are hearing this.
- But purity needs to be a priority in a dating relationship. It is what God calls us to do. And if we do not, then we are in danger of becoming one with someone we are not married to.

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### **4. Break-Up.**

**Simple one: it is ok to break up. If it isn't working or there are red flags. Then break up.**

- Trust me: you will fall in love again.
- Studies show that many people will have 3 loves in their lives. Their first love, their hard love, and then their forever love.

So it is ok to let them go.

**Why: because you might be holding that person back from meeting someone God has for them.**

**Or that person might be holding you back from the person God has for you. Let them go. And if you are supposed to be with them, then God will bring them back.**

### **5. Wait.**

**Some of us just need to grow who we are before we are ready to date.**

In my opinion, you should not be in a serious relationship until you are in college. Date casually and get to know people and how to treat those you date now.

- But wait to fall in love. Or wait in general to date.
- **Focus on your Faith, Family, and Friends right now.**
- **Because we are dating: we are missing out on our faith, family, and friends.**

Just wait a little bit.

You are young. Don't rush. You have time.

### **How is waiting a dating tip?**

- Some of us - We get into a relationship when we are not ready and we either damage that person or we damage ourselves.
- If we would have just been patient and controlled our flesh, we could have saved that person and ourselves a lot of pain.

Conclusion

How to date honorably

- Trust
- Be Faithfull
- Strive for Purity
- Break up
- Wait

**End with a prayer Challenge.**

**Something I did until I met Leah. I met the right one.**

**Something I want you to pray everyday or everyweek.**

- 1. God, Prepare me for the one I am supposed to date.**
- 2. God, Protect me from those I should not date.**
- 3. God, Prepare the person I am supposed to date.**

**If we do this, I believe God will truly help you find the right one, and keep you away from the wrong one.**