

Message Notes

"Dating to the glory of God!"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – *"In between series..."*

It's Springtime! A Math Equation to not forget! (Proverbs 30:18-19)

Three Historical Examples of the struggle of marriage

John and Molly Wesleys
George and Elizabeth Whitefields
Jonathan and Sarah Edwards

Quick Definitnions:

Dating
"DTR"
Courtship
Engagement
Marriage

What's the Point?

Isiah 62:3-5

Ephesians 5:25-33

The Plan for Dating Relationships

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Relationships the Way God intended

(1 Timothy 5:1-2)

The Big Idea

(Romans 12:10)

Application - "Four Questions to Ask"

1. *Is it the best thing for her (him) that I date her (him)?*
2. *Is it the best thing for me that I date her (him)?*
3. *Is this consistent with what I feel is God's call on my life? (i.e., is this the best thing for the kingdom?)*
4. *Is God in this? Is this God's leading, or am I forcing this?*

Proverbs 30:18-19

¹⁸"There are three things that are too amazing for me, four that I do not understand: ¹⁹the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a maiden.

Isaiah 62:3-5

³You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. ⁵As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

Ephesians 5:25-33

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no-one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church — ³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." ³²This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

1 Timothy 5:1-2

¹Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, ²older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

Romans 12:10 (NRSV)

¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.