

Class Outline

Class #7: Stages of a courting relationship

Class #8: Intimacy and accountability

Class #9: What to talk about

Class #10: What to look for

Class #11: The intangibles

Class #12: Problems with our church dating culture

Class #13: Q&A

Core Seminars—Singleness & Courtship Class 6: An Introduction to Courtship



Introduction: dating in Genesis

I. Brief History of Dating 1900s-2012

- *1900s*
- *1920s*
- *1930s*
- *1960s*
- *1970s-Today*

Romans 12:2 “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

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II. Defining Courtship – *What are we talking about?*

Courtship is a relationship between a man and a woman with three important characteristics:

- (1) it always has marriage as its goal;*
- (2) it's conducted under authority;*
- (3) it is led by the man.*

III. Some of the Differences Between Worldly Dating and Christian Dating

- Immediate intimacy vs. future intimacy.
- Judgment vs. Scripture
- Exclusive time alone vs. group settings.
- Complimentarian vs. egalitarian.
- Holiness vs. Getting your needs met
- Accountable vs. private.

IV. Am I Ready for Courtship?

Possible reasons to wait...

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Philippians 2:3-4 ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Conclusion