

Core Seminars—Singleness & Courtship

Class 6: An Introduction to Courtship



I. Brief History of Dating 1900s-2012

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

Romans 12:2 AND DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YOU MAY PROVE WHAT THE WILL OF GOD IS, THAT WHICH IS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT. (NASB)

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

Courtship –

How should we see “success”?

Questions/Comments? Email us at

III. Am I Ready for Courtship?

Possible reasons to wait...

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Philippians 2:3-4 ³DO NOTHING FROM SELFISHNESS OR EMPTY CONCEIT, BUT WITH HUMILITY OF MIND LET EACH OF YOU REGARD ONE ANOTHER AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HIMSELF; ⁴DO NOT MERELY LOOK OUT FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL INTERESTS, BUT ALSO FOR THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS. (NASB)

IV. Where We're Heading From Here...

- Week 6 – Introduction to Courtship
- Week 7 – Initiation
- Week 8 – Now What Do We Do? Early Stages.
- Week 9 –Intermediate Stage
- Week 10—Final Stage – Engagement and Marriage
- Week 11 –How Far is too Far?
- Week 12 – Thing that Go Wrong in our Courtship Culture
- Week 13 – Panel

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

- Immediate intimacy vs. future intimacy.
- Exclusive time alone vs. group settings.
- Complimentarian vs. egalitarian.
- Long periods of time together are not usually needed because what you're after is the appropriate level of knowledge needed in order to decide if further commitment is desired and in order vs. you spend a great deal of time together (most of it alone) because you need to get to know the person more deeply than anyone else.
- Holiness vs. Getting your needs met
- Commitment comes *before* intimacy vs. a high level of emotional involvement early in a dating relationship.
- Accountable vs. private.

VI. Conclusion