

Message: Dating Without Fornicating

Series: Relationship Goals

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“So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.”
Genesis 2:20-22

Adam knew MASTER. Adam was on MISSION. Adam found MATE.

1. You are ready to date when you don't need to. It was God who brought up the issue of marriage, not Adam.

You have to be so lost in God that person has to look for God to find you.

God is not anti-love, He is anti-lust. Lust is devils substitute for love. Lust looks like love as alcohol looks like water but they have different effect.

Lust vs love:

Lust is selfish, love is sacrificial

Lust seeks isolation, love seeks community

Lust forces sex, love initiates marriage

Lust hurts, love heals

Lust does not last, love grows with time

Lust get punished, love gets rewarded

If you are hurting you will turn relationship into rehab. There are sharks in the sea of dating, therefore don't go swimming if you are bleeding. Its impossible to have high standards with low self-esteem. Marriage will not fix your lust, insecurity or abuse. It will not make you hole, but it will reveal your holes.

2. You will wait for God to bring right person or wait for God to change wrong person.

Adam went on a search for a spouse but could not find anyone comparable. Most comparable was monkey. Don't date monkeys.

“A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 7:39

“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?” 2 Corinthians 6:14

Divorce rate falls in the half if both attend church, have same theology and practice that faith home.

How to find a wrong person?

When you start dating without getting over your ex

When you date someone believes in God but does not follow Jesus.

When you expect that marriage will fix this person.
When your gut tells you to “this is not right”.
When your mentors don’t support you in this.
When there is no mutual attraction.

3. Waiting on God is allowing God to take something out of you before He brings someone to you.

Wake up spiritually, go to sleep sexually (Song of Solomon 2:7).
Flirting leads to fornication. Fleeing leads to sanctification
Don’t stir up feelings in people you know for sure you will not be with. We are just talking.

Reject “try before you buy” trap.

Waiting on God is not idle, its God working on you.
The key is not finding the right person but being the right person.
Expectation without preparation equals frustration.
If you knew you the way you know you, would you marry you?

Prayer Point:

We are believing the Lord for...

Dates and better dates!

Brides and grooms!

Proposals

Weddings and revival babies

Favorable glances

Tuxes and wedding dresses

Interests and commitments

Hard squeezes returned

Rings and honeymoons

Wives and spouses

Debts paid off

Nerves decrease

Courage increased

Thank you Lord for meeting all my romantic needs That I may find my one and only partner to build the Kingdom of God and promote the gospel of Jesus Christ.