

Guidelines for Protecting Purity

Resource for 7/20/21 Sermon

- If you are a Christian, date only Christians (see 2 Corinthians 6:14).
- If you are a committed disciple, date only committed disciples.
- Christ is with you all evening – wherever you go and whatever you do.
- Remember your date is your brother or sister, not your “lover” (see 1 Timothy 5:1-2).
- Go out in groups, not alone.
- Focus on talk, not touch; conversations, not contact.
- Avoid fast-moving relationships or instant intimacy.
- Avoid setups – never be alone: on the couch, in a car late at night, in a house or bedroom.
- Be accountable to someone about your purity.
- Write out your own standards and enforce them yourself – never depend on someone else.
- Don’t do anything with your date you wouldn’t want someone else doing with your future mate.
- Beware of the “moral wear down” of long dating relationships and long engagements. Once young people and parents agree on marriage, it’s dangerous to wait longer than necessary (see 1 Corinthians 7:8-9).

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