

# BIBLICAL DATING

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# Definition

## Date (Dating)

- the social or romantic appointment
- something you do if your single and of age
- a natural precursor to marriage
- and generally considered something to be desired, whatever form it might take.



How far are we doing? (As  
Christians!)

**NOT  
WELL!**

# Why?

- In terms of sexual involvement outside of marriage.
- Living together before marriage.
- Infidelity - the action or state of being sexually unfaithful.
- Divorce

# It doest have to be this way...

For Christians,  
The Lord has given us his Word, and the  
Holy Spirit  
helps us to understand it. We have  
brothers and  
sisters in Christ to hold  
us accountable and to help  
us apply the Word to  
our lives.

If you're a Christian, that's the Biblical  
Life  
you are called to.



**Scott Croft aim:**

**Applying God's Word to  
the topic of  
dating, finding a  
spouse, and  
getting married on the  
right time.**

# Biblical Dating

A method of introduction and carrying out of a pre marital relationship between a single man and a single woman.

- That begins (maybe) with the man approaching and going through the woman's father or family.
- That is conducted under the authority of the woman's father or family or church; and
- That always has marriage (or at least a determination regarding marriage to a specific person) as its direct goal.



# Bible Passages about Biblical Dating

- I **Corinthians 6:9, 7:19** – *(command to be pure, seriousness regarding marriage)*
- I **Thessalonians 4:1-8** – *(do not wrong or defraud one another in relationships – by implying a relationships or commitment by your words or conduct that does not actually exist)*
- Song of Solomon 2:7** – *(“do not awaken love before it pleases” – i.e. before the proper time, meaning before marriage)*

# Bible Passages about Biblical Dating

**Proverbs 6:20, 7:27** – *(warning to avoid sexual sin and foolish relationships)*

**James 1:13-15** – *(Temptation is to be taken very seriously)*

**Romans 13:8-14** – *(love others, work for their soul's good; don't look to please self)*

**Romans 14:1-15** – *(favor others, not self...value what's good to their souls)*

**I Timothy 5:1-2** – *(treat single women as sisters in Christ, with absolute purity)*

# Bible Passages about Biblical Dating

**Titus 2: 1-8** – (*YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN SHOULD FOCUS ON SELF-CONTROL*)

**John 14:15** – (*If you love Christ, you will obey His commands*)

# Modern Dating

A method of introduction and carrying out of a pre-marital relationship between a single man and a single woman that:

- begins with either the man or the woman initiating with the other;
- is conducted outside the formal oversight or authority of either person's family or church; and
- that may or may not have marriage as its goal and is often purely “recreational” or “educational.”

# Differences between Modern Dating and Biblical Dating

- Modern Dating
  - Modern dating philosophy assumes that there will be several intimate romantic relationships in a person's life before marriage.

- Biblical Dating
  - Has its goals to be emotionally and physically intimate with only one member of the opposite sex...your spouse.

# Differences between Modern Dating and Biblical Dating

- Modern Dating

- Tends to be egalitarian (no differences between men and women in spiritual or emotional “wiring” or God-given roles.)

- Biblical Dating

- Tends to be complimentary (God has created men and women differently and has ordained each of these spiritual equals to play different and valuable roles in the church and in the family)

# Differences between Modern Dating and Biblical Dating

- Modern Dating
  - Tends to assume that you need to get to know a person more deeply than anyone else in the world to figure out whether you should be with him or her.

- Biblical Dating
  - Suggests that real commitment to the other person should precede such a high level of intimacy.

# Differences between Modern Dating and Biblical Dating

- Modern Dating
  - Tends to assume that a good relationship will “meet all my needs and desires.” and a bad one won’t – it’s essentially a self centered approach.

- Biblical Dating
  - Approaches relationships from a completely different perspective – one of ministry and service and bringing glory to God.



# Differences between Modern Dating and Biblical Dating

- Modern Dating
  - Tends to assume that there will be a high level of emotional involvement in a dating relationship, and some level of physical involvement as well.

- Biblical Dating
  - Assumes NO physical intimacy, and more limited emotional intimacy outside of marriage.

# Differences between Modern Dating and Biblical Dating

- Modern Dating
  - Assumes that what I do and who I date as an adult is entirely up to me and is private (my family or the church has no formal or practical authority).

- Biblical Dating
  - Assumes a context of spiritual accountability, as it is true in every other area of the Christian life.

# In Summary

- Modern Dating

“Finding the right person for me.”

- Biblical Dating

“Being the right person to serve my future spouse’s needs and be a God-glorifying husband or wife”

# In Summary

- Modern Dating  
Intimacy leads  
to commitment

- Biblical Dating  
Commitment  
leads to  
intimacy

# In Summary

- Modern Dating

Tells us that the way to figure out whether I want to marry someone is to act like we are married. If we like it, we make it official. If we don't, then we go through something emotionally – and probably physically – like a **divorce**.

- Biblical Dating

Scripture guides us as to how to find a mate and marry, and the Bible teaches, among other things, that we should act in such a way so as not to imply a marriage-level commitment until that commitment exists before the Lord.

**Happy Dating!**