

青少年的身體發育、荷爾蒙、對異性的好奇與社會潮流、環境 ....

父母的態度：

1. 是他們生命中第一個異性； **Absent father or mother.**
2. 尊重他身體、讚美、肯定他的外表。這是過渡期 **in process.**
3. 教導生理的變化與過程、屬神的觀念。
4. 健康的交友觀念，友誼的建立。
5. 對聖潔的堅持。尊重自己身體與對方的身體。

父母與子女的關係決定....

約會與性的關係??

約會的動機: (discussion of why)

1. **What's my motive for being in a relationship?**
2. **Do you give yourself away physically or emotionally in ways you will regret when married?**
3. **Does your current relationship hinder you from serving God as a single person?**
4. **How can I live for God as I pursue dating/ marriage?**
5. **How can I stop living selfishly?**

Dating:

1. Undefined and directionless romances, no clear purpose relationship.
2. For selfish enjoyment. Kill time, lonely, show off, someone to bring to party, experience love, to have sex.

Courtship:

1. Under the supervision of your parents (or a spiritual leader)
2. A relationship centering on God. To glorify God in the relationship.
3. Keep the boundaries of purity.

Christian Courtship

(腓立比 2:12-14) 凡所行的，都不要發怨言、起爭論、使你們無可指摘、誠實無偽、在這彎曲悖謬的世代、作神無瑕疵的兒女、你們顯在這世代中、好像明光照耀。

**Living to glorify God means doing everything...**

- **For Him**
- **His way**
- **To point to His greatness**
- **And reflect His goodness.**

耶穌回答說、第一要緊的、就是說、以色列阿、你要聽、主我們神、是獨一的主。你要盡心、盡性、盡意、盡力、愛主你的神。其次、就是說、要愛人如己。再沒有比這兩條誡命更大的了。(馬可 12:29-31) ..耶穌...就對他說、你離神國不遠了。

## **A Christian relationship: a purposeful romantic relationship.**

### **1. Joyful obedience to God's Word.**

**If we are going to do things God's way; submission to His Word is nonnegotiable.**

所吩咐你們的話、你們不可加添、也不可刪減、好叫你們遵守我所吩咐的、就是耶和華你們神的命令。(申 4:2)

豈不知你們的身子是基督的肢體麼·我可以將基督的肢體作為娼妓的肢體麼·斷乎不可。豈不知與娼妓聯合的、便是與他成為一體麼...但與主聯合的、便是與主成為一靈。你們要逃避淫行。人所犯的、無論甚麼罪、都在身子以外·惟有行淫的、是得罪自己的身子。豈不知你們的身子就是聖靈的殿麼·這聖靈是從神而來、住在你們裡頭的·並且你們不是自己的人·因為你們是重價買來的·所以要在你們的身子上榮耀神。(林前 6:15 -20)

### **2. The selfless desire to do what's best for the other person.**

你們願意人怎樣待你們、你們也要怎樣待人。(路 6:31) Sincere, Christ like love for the guy or girl you're in a relationship with is the natural outgrowth of love for God. When we serve others, we're serving our Lord. We glorify God in our relationships when we put our need aside and base our decisions on what serves the interests of the other person.

### **3. The humble embrace of community – 謙虛接受父母、教會牧長、弟兄姊妹的提醒與教導**

(箴 12:15) 愚妄人所行的、在自己眼中看為正直·惟智慧人、肯聽人的勸教。We need our parent's wisdom, support of our church. After we get married, we'll need this community of support even more! God gave us the local church because we really do need one another.

### **4. A commitment to guard the sacredness of sex**

When God's glory is the priority in a relationship, you'll view sex as something so precious that you refuse to let impatience and lust steal from it before marriage.

婚姻、人人都當尊重、床也不可污穢·因為苟合行淫的人神必要審判。[來 13:4](#)

愛是恆久忍耐、又有恩慈·愛是不嫉妒·愛是不自誇·不張狂、不作害羞的事·不求自己的益處·不輕易發怒·不計算人的惡·(林前 13:4 -5)

### **5. A deep satisfaction in God individually.** 個人與神有親密的關係。愛祂勝過一切，愛情、結婚。

He truly satisfies us- we find the lasting peace and joy we long for. Only then we have a healthy, happy relationship.

## **When are you ready for Courtship?**

**Requirement:** seeking advice of the most trusted people in your life – your parents, your pastor and people from your church who know you and the other person well.

1. Are you ready spiritually and emotionally for marriage?
2. Can I provide for a wife and family?
3. Was this God's time for me to pursue a relationship?

### **How should parent(s) help?**

1. Pray for them, is he/ she the one to marry?
2. Hold them be accountable, in purity and in God's word.
3. Get to know him/her and their families.
4. Accept them and treat them as your family friend.

Reference: I kissed dating goodbye by Joshua Harris, Boy meets girl, say hello to courtship (Joshua Harris)