

## I am Dating the Wrong Guy (or Are You Dating The Right Person?)

### Part 1. Turn to Christ – The “Right” Guy.

- John 4:5-26 - Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
- Jesus doesn't care about social and religious taboos of his day; he's come to earth with a mission: to save sinners, no matter what the social cost.
- If she knew who Jesus is, she would be asking him for living water (v. 10)—the eternal life that Christ provides through the Spirit.
- Natural water might seem to satisfy for a time, but she will only be thirsty again. Jesus points to what truly satisfies.
- Would you make Christ preeminent in your life?
- Jesus makes a second attempt to help her. He exposes her morally messed up life in order to help her grasp her deeper needs.
- Jesus argues that *where* one worships is a much less significant question than *who* is a true worshipper.

### Part 2. How to Look and What to Look For.

#### **How do you decide who to marry?**

- Follow Christ with all your heart.
- Bathe your mind in Scripture.
- Seek the counsel of others.
- The key ingredient - Wisdom. “Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding” – Proverbs 23:23.

- Pray, pray, and pray.

What should you be looking for in a spouse? How do you even know who to choose?

**Look for a healthy, growing Christian.**

### **1. Start with character.**

Proverbs 31:30 says, "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."

Proverbs 12:4, "A wife of noble character is her husband's crown, but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones."

References: 2 Cor 6:14 to 7:1 and 1 Cor 7:39

If the person says he or she is a Christian, yet their life looks just like all of the non-Christians around you, that's also problematic.

Theology bears out in real life.

- So, do they submit their life to God's Word?
- Do they show the importance of a local church by making church a priority?
- Do they make decisions and does their life reflect values that show that God's kingdom matters more than their personal preferences and personal goals?
- Do they pray?
- Do they show a trust in the Lord in the hard moments?
- Do they approach life with a biblical worldview?

### **2. Look for humility.**

- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction (Proverbs 1:7).

- Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid (Proverbs 12:1).
- Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence (Proverbs 15:32).
- Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment. A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion (Proverbs 18:1-2).
- Example: Marriage researcher John Gottman says that husbands who refuse to be influenced by their wives – i.e., the prideful husbands -- end up divorced.

### **Part 3. Bad Situations. Spouses You Should Avoid.**

#### **Situation #1. Dating a non-Christian.**

- Evange-dating is a BAD IDEA.
- How does the guy distinguish between romantic feelings for you and his affections for Christ, when he is exploring both things at the same time?
- Here's the warning: your interest in spiritual things degrades over time, because of his influence in your life.
- What happens in marriage? Either you'll abandon your faith or you hold on to your faith, but live a divided life.

#### **Situation #2. The Commitment-Phobic Guy.**

- Just as God is faithful and committed, you want to be like God, be faithful and committed in your relationships.

#### **Situation #3. Dating an Angry Woman.**

- “Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn from his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.”  
(Proverbs 22:24-25)