

## Dating: The Protection of Purity

### **This is something we should be taught as we grow up:**

Eph 6:4 AMP Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [*do not exasperate them to resentment*], but rear them [*tenderly*] in the training and discipline and the counsel and admonition of the Lord.

**Tit 2:1** BUT [*as for*] you, teach what is fitting and becoming to sound (wholesome) doctrine [*the character and right living that identify true Christians*].

Tit 2:2 Urge the older men to be temperate, venerable (serious), sensible, self-controlled, and sound in the faith, in the love, and in the steadfastness and patience [*of Christ*].

Tit 2:3 Bid the older women similarly to be reverent and devout in their deportment as becomes those engaged in sacred service, not slanderers or slaves to drink. They are to give good counsel and be teachers of what is right and noble,

Tit 2:4 So that they will wisely train the young women to be sane and sober of mind (temperate, disciplined) and to love their husbands and their children,

Tit 2:5 To be self-controlled, chaste, homemakers, good-natured (kindhearted), adapting and subordinating themselves to their husbands, that the word of God may not be exposed to reproach (blasphemed or discredited).

Tit 2:6 In a similar way, urge the younger men to be self-restrained and to behave prudently [*taking life seriously*].

### **Our thoughts should be lined up with the Word of God – the Word will protect us:**

#### **This kind of teaching is designed to protect you:**

**Pro 7:1** MY SON, keep my words; lay up within you my commandments [*for use when needed*] and treasure them.

Pro 7:2 Keep my commandments and live, and keep my law and teaching as the apple (the pupil) of your eye.

Pro 7:3 Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

Pro 7:4 Say to skillful and godly Wisdom, You are my sister, and regard understanding or insight as your intimate friend--

Pro 7:5 That they may keep you from the loose woman, from the adventuress who flatters with and makes smooth her words.

Psa 119:9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed and keeping watch [*on himself*] according to Your word [*conforming his life to it*].

Psa 119:10 With my whole heart have I sought You, inquiring for and of You and yearning for You; Oh, let me not wander or step aside [*either in ignorance or willfully*] from Your commandments. [*II Chron. 15:15.*]

Psa 119:11 Your word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

Psa 119:12 Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes.

### **Never forget – we have an enemy that is after us EVERY DAY!**

(MSG) **1Pe 5:8** Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce, and would like nothing better than to catch you napping.

1<sup>st</sup> Pet 5:9 Keep your guard up. You're not the only ones plunged into these hard times. It's the same with Christians all over the world. So keep a firm grip on the faith.

**Who goes on a Date?**

- You
- Your Date
- God
- How would you conduct yourself if Jesus was sitting next to you while you were sitting next to your date?

**Gal 2:20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

**1Co 3:16** Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

<b>WORLD'S VIEW</b>	<b>GOD'S VIEW</b>
Sin & regret	Solid foundation for the future (happiness in marriage)
Selfishness... reproach	Honor body; a living sacrifice
Bitterness... damage to godly relationships	Purity, holiness
Temporary pleasure but no lasting satisfaction (Heb. 11:25)	Self-respect
"Let nature take its course"	"Flee also youthful lusts" & protect your purity! (2 Tim. 2:22)

**Eight steps to changing your outlook in life.**

- 1. You must have the Word of God.**
- 2. The Word of God determines your thinking.**
  - (Prov 23:7; 2 Cor 10:3-5)
- 3. Your thinking will determine your emotions.**
  - Your emotions are there to help you enjoy life, not to dictate your life.
  - The Job of your feelings is to amplify your thoughts. If you have a feeling or emotional problem, then you really have a thought problem.
- 4. Your emotions will determine your decisions.**
  - A quality decision is a decision that lines up with God's desire for your life.
  - Discipline is the ability to make the proper decisions that will take you towards an expected end.
  - Don't allow yourself to get distracted, once you have made the right decision.
- 5. Your decisions will determine your actions.**
  - To be blessed you must become a DOER of the Word of God (James 1:22).
  - Why come to church Sunday after Sunday and Wednesday after Wednesday if you are not going to DO what you receive.
  - Your learning must turn into living!
  - The Bible is not a textbook to study, it is a lifebook to live!
- 6. Your actions will determine your habits.**
  - What you repeatedly do will be what you eventually become.
  - Once your mind is renewed in an area, forming a Godly habit is sweatless!
- 7. Your habits will determine your character.**
  - Character is doing what is right, because it's right, and doing it right.
  - Until you can control your own body (thoughts, words, and deeds), you will never be able to be used mightily for God or make an impact in the world.
  - Proverbs 16:32 AMP
  - Is a few moments of sinful pleasure worth the anointing and the assignment on your life?
- 8. Then you will arrive at your destination.**