

# Christ-Centered Dating

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*Proverbs 19:2*

## Why Date?

To find the person you will \_\_\_\_\_.

*Song of Solomon 2:7*

Starting point for Christ-Centered Dating:

- Glorifying God comes \_\_\_\_\_ (Can I bring God more glory with this person than on my own?)
- God's word is my \_\_\_\_\_ on who and how I date.
- They are someone who is \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
- My \_\_\_\_\_ comes from Christ, not my boyfriend/girlfriend.
- I care more about \_\_\_\_\_ than our cultures trends.

*Matthew 19:4-6*

Work on \_\_\_\_\_ the kind of person the person you want to be with, wants to be with.

“\_\_\_\_\_ love: An act of the will, accompanied by emotion, that leads to action on behalf of its object.” - Voddie Bauchman

## To the Men

*25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word. 27 He did this to present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless. 28 In the same way, husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hates his own flesh but provides and cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, 30 since we are members of His body. 31 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.*

*Ephesians 5:25-31*

Men \_\_\_\_\_ leaders in:

- Love
  - The Word
  - Righteousness
  - Selflessness
  - Intimacy
- (Voddie Bauchman)

Our love is called to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's love for the Church!

- Selfless
- Sacrificial
- Servant-hearted
- Unconditional

Men, you are called to \_\_\_\_\_ your family, and God will hold you accountable for where your family goes. (Genesis 2:18-25)

“Most people when they are looking for a spouse, are looking for a finished statue when they should be looking for a wonderful block of marble. Not so you can create the kind of person you want, but rather because you see what kind of person Jesus is making.”

- Kathy Keller in “The Meaning of Marriage”



**My love for my wife should be such that anyone who sees our relationship should get a glimpse of Christ's love for them!**

### To the Women

*22 Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord, 23 for the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of the body. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.*

**Ephesians 5:22-24**

*To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband.*

**Ephesians 5:33**

**Definition of submission: the action of accepting or yielding to the authority of another. Voluntarily humbling yourself.**

Its about \_\_\_\_\_

Submission to my husband is ultimately about \_\_\_\_\_.

**She must be submissive to:**

- God
- Current Authority
- Biblical portrait of marriage (priority of family, husband as head) (Voddie Bauchman)

**Proverbs 31:10-11, 24-31**

### Why it Matters

*No foul*

**Ephesians 5:32**

**Your marriage will point to something \_\_\_\_\_. Christ and the Church.**

**Marriage should help \_\_\_\_\_ the Kingdom, not distract us from it.**

**You will \_\_\_\_\_ like the one who you are with.**

**God will use marriage to make you \_\_\_\_\_!**

"We must not enter marriage predominately to be fulfilled, emotionally satisfied, or romantically charged, but rather to become more like Jesus Christ."

**- Gary Thomas in "Sacred Marriage"**

**Proverbs 21:19**

### Last Thoughts:

- Put your \_\_\_\_\_ before any other.
- Pursue \_\_\_\_\_ the right person before \_\_\_\_\_ the right person.
- \_\_\_\_\_ for your future spouse.
- Think through (and set) God honoring \_\_\_\_\_.
- Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ask yourself: Can I \_\_\_\_\_ better with this person than on my own?



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