

# The **No DATING** SCRIPTURES

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**How will a young man make his way clean?... (Ps. 119:9 KJV-Based) -Good Question!**

Section 1...

## **GOOD ROMANCE**

### 1. Romantic Love is Good in its Right Context, Even Before Marriage

It would not be fair for any one to read what I have written in this paper on dating and premarital romances, with out deeply considering it's entirety in the light of the following preliminary clarifications...

To 'be in love,' and to be so when engaged is Biblical. GOD **likes** clean romantic love. He even has romantic stories **that lead to marriage** written in scripture multiple times.

#### **Jacob & Rachel**

“And Jacob served **seven years** for Rachel, and they seemed to him a few days, for **the love** he had for her, (Gen 29:20 MKJV).”

[That is, “**seven years**” as payment for the bride price, to marry Rachel.]

#### **Isaac and Rebekah**

And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels *were* coming. 64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. 65 For she *had* said unto the servant, What man *is* this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant *had* said, It *is* my master: therefore **she took a vail, and covered herself**... 65 ...and she became his wife; and he loved her, (Gen 24:63-67 KJV).

**Please Note:**

- i. One of our sayings in American culture is “If you got it, show it,” but GOD’S type of romance involves “covering one’s self,” not “showing off.” This should be obvious, but some still think that “advertising” themselves is OK. For more on this see: Ex 28:42 - Minimum dress code (speaking of underwear)  
And 1Ti 2:9, “In the same way, that women also adorn themselves in **decent clothing**... (WEB).”
- ii. Isaac did not need to “get to know her” before they married. Conforming to **GOD’S** ordained plan, they were given **1** verse to “get to know each other” before they were married. Though it is not always so short in every case, we can learn not to cling to the deceptions given to us that say ‘You need to get to know each other first before marriage to know if they are the right one and to have a successful marriage.’ Let us believe that GOD actually knows better than we do, and He does not see this as a universal need.

**Pre-marital Romantic Stories in the Bible:**

Isaac and Rebecca **Gen 24**; Ruth and Boaz **Rth 2 - 3**; David and Abigail **1Sam 25:3, 39-44**;

**God even *likes* people to be attractive and makes special note when they are:**

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| Job’s daughters  | <b>Job 42:12-15</b>                             |
| Abraham & Sarah  | <b>Gen 12:11; 14-15</b>                         |
| Isaac and Rebecca  | <b>Gen 24:16; 26:7</b>                          |
| Joseph   | <b>Gen 39:6</b>                                 |
| David  | <b>1Sam 16:20</b>                               |
| Esther   | <b>Est 2:2-4, 7, 15, 17</b>                     |
| Song of Solomon  | <b>The whole book!</b>                          |
| The law  | <b>Deu 21:10-12 (Compare Jdg 15:2)</b>          |
| (Indicating that beauty is a reasonable ground for marriage) |   |
| The Psalms   | <b>Ps 45:10-11; 144:1</b> (rejoicing in beauty) |
| Also see   | <b>1Kin 1:1-4; Act 7:20 &amp; Heb 11:23?</b>    |

Lets not ignore the fact that God is the one who designed people to be attracted to the opposite sex. If we give an honest and complete look at Scripture, then we will see that the Bible *likes* to note attractiveness and beauty.

⇒ But Biblical premarital romance is NEVER apart from the specific goal of marriage. Just read the above references and this picture is clear.

So we know that He likes romance and attractiveness, and this particularly in its designed context of marriage; He’s the One who made it, so that He knows how it works best! Just consider the book of Song of Solomon, (expounded below). When reading the rest of this paper, be sure not to forget what is the conclusion of the first point: That God likes romance and attractiveness when done right.

Even more so we must keep this in mind because of temptation: Just as God gets great pleasure out of setting up mates for each other, and the sanctity He puts on this, He intensely hates it’s perversion! God has set boundaries on sexuality so that we can, by TRULY enjoying it, glorify Him.

Since (according to God’s original plan) marriage is the exclusive goal of attractiveness and romantic desires, when we *indulge* in such desires before marriage we pervert the purpose that God had in mind. The desires are present and good but they are not to be actualized until

marriage. God designed potentially overpowering desires for an intensely celebrated culmination, and we subvert this by partaking prematurely. The fulfilling of romantic desires before marriage is the direction of fornication, and this is shown throughout the rest of this paper. I say, *let us no longer ask ourselves what sins have been achieved, but what directions have been conceived.*

## 2. Romance is to be Fulfilled Within Marriage

Scripture speaks of one who “Finds a Wife” -to Marry... Not just a “girl friend” to date:

**Pro 18:22** *He who finds<sup>4672</sup> a wife finds a good *thing*, and obtains favor of the LORD, (KJV-Based).*

⇒ Strong’s Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries

finds<sup>4672</sup> - “...that is, *appear*...”

⇒ John Wesley's Explanatory Notes on the Whole Bible

“...Favour – Obtains her not by his own diligence, but by God's good providence.”

John Wesley here is noting the key that the Bible is trying to give us in Pro 18:22. When the Bible speaks of “favor” it is negating the ability of man and all his efforts to do it himself. This is just as another Scripture says, “...a prudent wife *is* from the LORD, (Pro 19:14 KJV).” teaching us also that it should be a dreaded thing to obtain a wife ourselves instead of by the Lord’s good favor.

**Mat 19:5-6** “...He which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they two shall be one flesh...” (KJV-Based)

⇒ Sex is for marriage and until then we should not go looking for either. Dating is practically our way of not letting GOD find a spouse for us, by taking it into our own hands. Our dating practices usually lead to premarital sex, though we may or may not go all the way to “Home plate.” You will not find a spouse **and** obtain GOD’S favor unless you do it in the manner described in the BIBLE. For the cause of **marriage** shall a man leave parents and cleave to a **wife**, not for the cause of a girl friend, or to date, or for indulging in pre-marital romance.

The Bible says,

**Ecc 9:9 WEB** Live joyfully with the wife whom you love...

**Pro 5:18-19 WEB** ...Rejoice in the wife of your youth. 19 A loving doe and a graceful deer -- Let her breasts satisfy you at all times. Be captivated always with her love.

But says nothing of enjoying a girlfriend.

**Heb 13:4 MKJV** Marriage *is* honorable in all, and the bed undefiled, but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

God was so pleased with this kind of (marital) romance that He had a whole book written on it called *Song of Solomon* or *Song of Songs*, which means, “The most beautiful of all songs.”

But let us step back for a bit from marriage and consider romance even by itself; In **any** case (right or wrong) we must be honest enough to admit...

## 3. Romance is An Intoxicant

Even though they do evil, the world knows that they should elect a responsible driver before they get drunk and drive because they realize, that alcohol is intoxicating. Sadly church people are more foolish in that which is not inherently immoral than the world is in their immorality. The Bible and just plain wisdom both clearly declare that romance of any kind is an intoxicant. How foolish of us to rely upon our own morals in such a shaky time of blurred judgment, when we are considering someone to have a relationship?

**Son 1:2, 4, 5 MKJV** Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His mouth; for Your love *is* better than wine... **4** ...we will remember Your **love** more than wine... **5** ...for I *am* sick *with* love  
**Son 8:6, 7 MKJV** ...for love *is* strong as death... its flames *are* flames of fire... **7** Many waters cannot quench **love**...  
(Also see 4:10; 5:1; 7:2, 9; 8:2; Rev 17:2 intimacy is compared to wine; 1Cor 7:9 describes it as burning)

**Pro 5:19 WEB 19** ...Be **captivated** always with her love.  
(Also See Pro 5:20; 6:25; 7:13, 22 ⇒ it can make you act foolish; Gen 34:8 ⇒ it is addictive; Due 23:10 ⇒ you can suffer “withdrawal” when at war)

Section 2...

# BAD ROMANCE:

## The Sin of extra-marital Flirtation

By saying “Extra Marital” I mean flirting with anyone that you are not presently married to (this is to include flirting after marriage as sin). By premarital flirting we are talking about indulging in romantic desires and stirring them up before marriage.

## 1. Don't Awaken Love

**Song 2:7** I charge you, daughters of Jerusalem, By the roes, and by the hinds of the field, **That you don't stir up, nor awaken love**, \*Until it so desire, (WEB-based, \*that is “**until it is ready**.” Repeated in Song 3:5 & 8:4).

### A. Significant Cultural and Contextual Meanings

This verse is preceded by rich descriptions of romantic love such as “love,” “lovesick,” and Solomon’s “embrace” to his wife. Also present are cultural words for intimate passion such as “raisins” and “apples.” All this is given in the context of verse four’s description of a wedding with words like “banquet house” and “banner” (both of which are present in Jewish weddings). And for this reason, “...don’t stir up, nor awaken love, until it is ready” - for marriage.

## B. Application of the Admonition

The queen had an exemplary passionate ideal love life (married to Solomon) and charged the daughters (the unmarried women) of Jerusalem not to stir up love until marriage if they wanted to have what she had. The whole book describes how overwhelming the right kind of love life is for her and the king, and is interspersed with admonitions: *‘If you want this kind of rewarding romantic love story when you’re married, then do it right beforehand! Don’t open this love thing until you are ready to go all the way.’*

Flirting, dating, and “going out” (as our culture practices them) prematurely (AKA ‘premaritally’) stirs up sexual desire that can’t lawfully be fulfilled by ‘going all the way,’ until marriage. Let us set our face to heed her admonition, in the hope that is offered: If we do it right, then we set ourselves up for an exciting “Song of Solomon” romantic marriage.

In the mean time, when dealing with girls/guys that you tend to like, “Diligently guard your heart because out of it *flows* the issues of life,” (Pro 4:23 PT, Personally Translated). If you don’t guard your heart, then by our sinful default, love will stir up premaritally in us and lead us away by its strong intoxicating sway.

## 2. Flirting Eyes & Bald Scalps:

Isa 3:16-24 Moreover the LORD said, "Because the daughters of Zion are **haughty**, And walk with outstretched necks and **flirting eyes**, Walking to trip as they go, Jingling ornaments on their feet; **17** Therefore the Lord brings **sores on the crown of the head** of the women of Zion, And **the LORD will make their scalps bald**." **18** In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of their anklets, the headbands, the crescent necklaces, **19** the earrings, the bracelets, the veils, **20** the headdresses, the ankle chains, the sashes, the perfume bottles, the charms, **21** the signet rings, the **nose rings**, **22** the fine robes, the capes, the cloaks, the purses, **23** the hand-mirrors, the fine linen garments, the hoods, and the shawls. **24** It shall happen that instead of sweet spices, there shall be rotteness; Instead of a belt, a rope; Instead of well set hair, baldness; Instead of a robe, a girding of sackcloth; And branding instead of beauty. (WEB-Based)

### A. “Flirting Eyes” Definitions:

- i. **Strong’s Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries H8265** רָקַשׁ *śâqar saw-kar’*  
A primitive root; to ogle, that is, blink coquettishly: - **wanton**.
- ii. **Brown-Driver-Briggs’ Hebrew Definitions H8265** רָקַשׁ *śâqar 1*) (Piel)  
to ogle, be wanton 1a) ogling (participle)
- iii. **Other Research** “...תורקשמוֹ מִיַּיִן *ûm’shaqerôth ‘eynâyîm*. The word רָקַשׁ *shâqar* usually means “to lie, to deceive,” and may here refer to the art of alluring by a wanton or fascinating glance of the eye.”
- iv. **Josiahs’ Research** The Hebrew word has a hint of *painted eyes*, or *winking eyes*.

## B. Some Thoughts:

- i. **We may ask:** “Why does He punish them if there is no official sin, (such as “fornication,” or “adultery” etc.)” But... ↓
- ii. “Sin” is a **Direction**, not just specific actions that we run in to.
- iii. This is why I establish, “If you find yourself having gone to far, you can be sure that you were going in the wrong direction from the beginning.” ⇨ So don’t go in the wrong direction to start with, because when you do, you have just started the direction of sin.  
↓
- iv. **People are notorious for saying:** “It was an accident! We didn’t mean to...” –But you set yourself up for it by going in that direction.
- v. Intimacy is not for emotional or hormonal love, but for commitment (AKA: MARRIAGE!)
- vi. **Think:** Humans have paper-thin lips ⇨ Which have tones of nerves ⇨ which are obviously designed by GOD for sexual arousal.  
⇨ Why go in the direction of fornication by kissing before you are married?

## 3. More Examples of Eyes and Lust (From Proverbs):

These verses describe **the end** of this direction of sin.

**Pro 5:3** For the lips of an adulteress drip honey. Her mouth is smoother than oil, **4** But in the end she is as bitter as wormwood, And as sharp as a two-edged sword. **5** Her feet go down to death. Her steps lead straight to Sheol [“Hell”]... **8** Remove your way far from her. Don't come near the door of her house, **9** Lest... You... groan at your latter end, When your flesh and your body are consumed... (WEB, Also read all of verses 3-23!)

**Pro 6:25** Don't lust after her beauty in your heart, Neither let her captivate you with her eyelids. **26** For a prostitute reduces you to a piece of bread. The adulteress hunts for your precious life. **27** Can a man scoop fire into his lap, And his clothes not be burned? (WEB, Also read verses 23-35).

**Pro 7:13** So she caught him, and kissed him... **21** With persuasive words, she led him astray. With the flattering of her lips, she seduced him. **22** He followed her immediately, As an ox goes to the slaughter, As a fool stepping into a noose. **23** Until an arrow strikes through his liver, As a bird hurries to the snare, And doesn't know that it will cost his life... **25** Don't let your heart turn to her ways. Don't go astray in her paths... (WEB, Also read verses 13-27)

⇨ If you give in to the lust described here, you are not just guilty upon committing fornication or adultery, but you start being guilty as soon as you start going in that direction! The guilt starts when you don't, “Remove your way far from her...” and you “come near the door of her house,” (5:8). No one steps “into a noose” (V.22b) or has ‘an arrow strike through his liver’ (V.23) without first going “astray in her paths,” (V.25).

⇨ When Jesus was preaching “The Sermon On The Mount” He does not say, “Lust = Physically Committing Adultery,” but that lust is in fact the real starting point of adultery and not just the physical act.

In the same way, we are guilty of sin before we actually commit and fulfill it in the flesh. As it has been said, ‘it is almost impossible to sin in the flesh without first sinning in the heart’

## 4. Walking in Wantonness

**Rom 13:13-14** Let us **walk** honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and **wantonness**, not in strife and envying. **14** But [you all] put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make no provision for the flesh**, to *fulfill* its lusts. (KJV-Based, Also: 1Pet4:1-5)

⇒ How different this is from the way that we date! How many times (in dating) do we “make provision” so that the devil can tempt us and draw us in by the flesh? So many unwittingly prepare themselves for a “noose” and a “dart” by getting alone with a guy or girl that they like. Practically they are saying, “Hay devil, I’ve ‘prepared a place for you’ to come and get me to do something wrong.”

## 5. Don't 'Go Beyond...'

**1Thes 4:2-9** For you know what charge we gave you through the Lord Jesus. **3** For this is the will of God: **your holiness**,<sup>38</sup> [or “**sanctification** or “**purity**”] that you abstain from **fornication** [including all sexual immorality] **4** that every one of you know how to possess his vessel in **holiness**<sup>38</sup> and **honor**, **5** not in **passionate lust**, in the same way as the Gentiles who don't know God; **6** that no one **go beyond**<sup>5233</sup> [or “take advantage of”] and **defraud**<sup>4122</sup> his brother in *this* matter; because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as also we have forewarned you and testified. **7** For God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto **holiness**<sup>38</sup>. **8** Therefore he who rejects *this* doesn't reject man, but God, who has also given unto us His Holy Spirit. **9** But concerning **brotherly** love... (WEB+KJV -Retranslated)

### A. Hebrew Definitions:

- i. **“Go beyond” or “take advantage”** *kai pleonektein ton adelphon autou*  
**G5233** ὑπερβαίνω *huperbainō hoop-er-bah'ee-no*  
From G5228 and the base of G939; to *transcend*; that is, (figuratively) to *overreach*: - go beyond. (Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries)
- ii. 1) **to step over, beyond** 2) metaphorically 2a) to transgress 2b) to **overstep the proper limits** 2c) trespass, do wrong, sin 2c1) of one who **defrauds another in business** 2d) overreaches, (Thayer's Greek Definitions).
- iii. **Contextually:** To “**Go Beyond**” has ideas of, “come upon” or ‘lying with’ and so defrauding. Sometimes used in Greek writings for adultery.
- iv. **“Defraud”** **G4122** πλεονεκτέω *pleonekteō pleh-on-ek-teh'-o* From G4123; to be covetous, that is, (by implication) to **over reach**: - **get an advantage, defraud, make a gain**. (Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries)
- v. **The World's Definition:** To “**Score!**” with a girl or guy.

## B. Other Thoughts

- i. Cheapening Vs. Honor ↓
- ii. “Go Beyond/ Defraud” - Treating fine china like a paper plate.
- iii. To “Go Beyond” is the predecessor of “Unbridled Lust”  

2Pe 2:18-22 MKJV For when they speak great swelling *words* of vanity, they lure through *the* lusts of the flesh, by unbridled lust<sup>766</sup>, the ones who were [just] escaping from those who live in error; 19 ...they themselves are the slaves of corruption... 22 (WEB) But it has happened to them according to the true proverb, "The dog turns to his own vomit again," and "the sow that had washed to wallowing in the mire."
- iv. You must bridle passions, so that they don't take you “beyond proper limits”.
- v. Don't think that you are practically connected with JESUS if you are flirting. You are committing the first parts of fornication! And GOD says that He, “...is an avenger in all these things...” (V.6) not just the technical sin but “all” things that lead up to it, as also the BIBLE has continually “forewarned you and testified,” (V.6).

## 6. “Shamefacedness”

1Ti 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness<sup>127</sup> and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array... (KJV-Based).

### A. Greek

G127 αἰδώς aidōs *ahee-doce'* • Perhaps from G1 (as a negative particle) and G1492 (through the idea of downcast eyes); bashfulness, that is, (towards men), *modesty* or (towards God) *awe*: - reverence, shamefacedness. (Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries)  
...modesty, bashfulness, reverence, regard for others, respect (Thayer's Greek Definitions)

### B. Cultural Significance

“Shamefacedness” is GOD'S version of what newer translations often merely translate as “propriety.” But this verse strongly includes being modest with ones eyes!

A woman having “downcast eyes” was and is in many places an issue of modesty; It means that they are not being flirtatious. It is interesting that the BIBLE approves of, and commands this cultural attitude to be practiced. **Granted:** We are in a different culture. But there is an invaluable chase, non-flirtatious attitude that should and must be harvested from this verse, especially in light of the fact that we are in great deficit of this virtue in our sensually charged society. Our culture has disciplined us to proudly and hastily embrace lustful attitudes toward each other as much as possible. If we keep this verse, then we do good to make blatant strikes against the foolish love of lust so championed in this perverse age.

## 7. As Sisters:

**1Tim 5:1-2** Don't rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father; the younger men as brothers;  
2 the elder women as mothers; the younger **as sisters, with all purity**. (KJV-Based)

- A. So may say that they **believe** this scripture, but so **few** will Truly **practice** it!!
- B. If you kiss your sister on the lips, then (in most of all cases) you're sick. If you would never do so to your sister, then neither should you do so to any other girl/guy with whom you are not married.
- C. **Do you do these things with your sister (or brother):**  
-Hold hands, -Kiss, -Look her/him romantically in the eyes, -Spend time with her/him in such a way as to stir up and entertain **romantic** feelings for each other, -etc.?

## 8. Joseph and Mary

Do you think the way we do dating is OK before GOD? Joseph and Mary didn't even hang out enough for her to tell him that she was pregnant! We can know that this is true...

### A. Culturally-

Because the Jewish betrothal mindset disallowed dating and the like. This "No flirting/dating" attitude is still in affect in parts of the world today. With Jews, the man would "go away and prepare a place" (Jn 14:2-3) for her. JESUS used this language directly alluding to their typical practice of marriage in their culture. This is all hugely complicated and has tones of Biblical references not cited here.

### B. Contextually-

Because Biblically, believing a True testimony (especially about GOD and His supernatural interactions) is an issue of righteousness, (Jn 8:42-47, -especially the last 2 verses, \*Jn 16:9). Because of this Joseph could not have righteously disbelieved Mary's True testimony that GOD gave her. -This shows that they did not have regular communication, in that Joseph heard from "the grape vine" long before he had a chance to hear from her, and had already set himself to divorce her.

**Mt. 1:18** ...Mary, was **engaged** to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found pregnant by the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Joseph, her husband, **being a righteous man**, and not willing to make her a public example, **intended to divorce her** secretly, (WEB-Based).

- ⇒ It would not be righteous for him to divorce her if he had known her testimony.
- ⇒ Our practice of dating is blatantly set against this cultural backdrop of which Christ both set up and consistently used to illustrate His relationship with us.

## 9. Answer: "Flee!"

**2Tim 2:22** Flee also youthful lusts: but peruse righteousness, faith, Love, *and* peace, with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart, (KJV-Based).

**Pro 5:12** Remove your way far from her. Don't come near the door of her house, (WEB).

**1Co 6:18-20** **Flee fornication.** Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits fornication sins against his own body. **19** Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price; therefore **glorify God** in your body and in your spirit, which are God's, (EMTV).

- A. Not committing fornication absolutely includes fleeing from it in the first place.
- B. Why flee if there were no danger of giving in to it??? “*I can handle it!*” you say. “The holy spirit will help me resist this temptation.” -But the BIBLE says to flee it. ↓

**1Co 10:12-14** So then, let him who thinks he stands take heed, lest he should fall! **13** ...but with the temptation, He will also make the way out... **14** Wherefore, my beloved, **flee**... (EMTV).

- C. You cannot rely on GOD to help you to stand in the place that He told you to flee from. (He only gives His Spirit to those who obey Him! Act 5:32, & See Eph 2:2).

D. **So:** Resist Sin (Heb 12:4, Jas 4:7) and flee temptation (see above).

E. How do you “glorify Him?”

**1Sa 15:22-23** ...Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice!** To listen *is* better than the fat of rams! **23** For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idol-worship. Because you have rejected the Word of Jehovah, He has also rejected you... (MKJV)

**1 Jn 5:3** This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, (NIV).

F. David fell to sexual sin, (2Sam 11). -Are you any better?

G. Joseph fled from sexual temptation, (Gen 39:10-13). “Parking” with “A Significant Other,” is the exact opposite!

H. Avoid the direction of sin! Otherwise: “*Oops! We didn't mean to...*” -I've seen it happen over and over again!! So beware you who are called a “christian”.

I. **Ps. 119:9** How will a young man make his way clean? **[Good Question!]** by taking heed according to Your word, (KJV-Based, ⇒ ‘*Lord, Your word says to flee, so I'll flee*’).

J. **Remember:** “...**make no provision for the flesh**, to *fulfill* its lusts,” (Rom 13:14).

K. **Note:** If you do not **actively**, intentionally, zealously, and ‘obsessively,’ flee fornication, then you will fall into it, whether partially (by flirtation) or wholly (by premarital sex).

## 10. Not Even a Hint

“**Fornication**” is premarital sex. But we can commit it before actually going all the way by means of lust, (Mt. 5:27-30). In the same way, anything that so much as hints, or leads toward the direction of the literal act of fornication is sin. Many people ask, “*How far is to far?*” –Any amount of the direction of fornication at all is sin.

## A. No Hint of Fornication

Eph 5:3 ...let **fornication**<sup>4202</sup> and **all uncleanness** or covetousness not be once named among you, as becomes saints... (MKJV).

Eph 5:3 ...But among you there must not be even a hint of **sexual immorality**<sup>4202</sup> ... (NIV).

Jud 1:23 and some save, snatching them out of the fire with fear, hating even the clothing stained by the flesh, (WEB).

## B. No Appearance of Evil

1Th 5:22 KJVA Abstain from all appearance of evil.

2Co 6:3 MKJV *We are* in nothing giving cause of stumbling, in no way, so that the ministry may not be blamed,

## C. Right in The Eyes of Others

Rom 12:17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do [or “provide”] what is right in the eyes of everybody, (NIV).

2Cor 8:21 For we are **taking pains** to **do what is right**, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also **in the eyes of men**, (NIV).

# 11. “I’m not convicted about that”

1Co 4:4 WEB For I know nothing against myself. **Yet I am not justified by this...**  
Pro 14:12/16:25 MKJV There is a way which seems right to a man, but the end of it *is* the ways of death.

Pro 30:12 WEB There is a generation that is pure in their own eyes, Yet are not washed from their filthiness.

Pro 16:2 WEB All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes...

Pro 21:2 WEB Every way of a man is right in his own eyes...

But someone will protest, “God knows my heart” to say that they are not lusting when they kiss and hold hands with their girlfriend

⇒ Yes He does know your heart:

Gen 8:21 KJV ...the LORD said ...the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth...

Jer 17:9 KJV The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Pro 28:26 MKJV He who trusts in his own heart is a fool; but whoever walks wisely, he shall be delivered.

## 12. Questions/Thoughts:

- ⇒ Why does not flirting, kissing holding hands and the like and waiting on GOD to provide a spouse Vs. “Dating” seem weird? -Because you have to die to you’re idea of romance. Attraction is not just about “the dating game”; it’s for marriage and should wait for marriage.
- ⇒ If you look for romance you will find judgment from GOD.  
When you look for GOD instead, you will find Him and, (if you’re to marry),

**He** will give you **romance** that is more than you could have imagined!

## 13. More:

### Temptation

Jam 1:14-15 KJV-Based

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death.

**Remember:** Look at woman lustfully = first stage of Adultery (Mt.5:27-30)

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### Lustful Desires

**Remember:** “Lead us not into temptation” (Mt. 6:13)

Col. 3:5-6 ALT-Based Therefore, put to death your\* members, the ones on the earth: fornication, impurity [*or, immorality*], lustful passion, evil desire, and the covetous desire [*or, greed*], which is idolatry, 6 because of which [*things*] the wrath of God is coming upon the sons [*and daughters*] of disobedience...

If you want to read some useful passages on fleeing fornication, read Proverbs 5-7

### Good Question:

What do I Josiahs, (the writer) a young unmarried man have to gain out of saying all of these things except for the sake of righteousness? Am I not the one who will have to obey it most? Am I scoring points with all the girls by writing these things? Do I really have anything else to gain by spending so much time on this, besides saving others? I challenge you to fearlessly embrace the Truth as well in this matter.

Please consider and open your eyes to see: That all the intimacy levels that we progress through in dating are flirtatious. 1. Gazing into each others eyes 2. Holding hands 3. Kisses which all lead to # 4. “Home run”. Some people seem to have the attitude after reading some of these scriptures, that as long as they are committed to each other it is ok. -Wake up! -If you are not married, you are not married, and flirtation is wrong and worthy of judgment just as when you do it to some one walking down the street. Granted under the Mosaic Law they would not have stoned fornication between engaged couples, but there was still sever punishment.

Whether engaged or not we are still not to flirt with any one we are not fully married to.

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- 1Cor was talking to engaged young men and women when he said:  
The unmarried are concerned about the lord’s affairs

### It was said to Ruth

Rth 3:10-11 ...you did not follow **young** men, whether poor or **rich**. 11 ...For all the city of my people knows that you *are* a woman of virtue.

-Why do we think that we can get away with flirtation? It is not virtuous! Not flirting with, \*following around\* attractive, (especially young) people that you are not married to proves that you are virtuous. And the opposite is also true. Flirts whether to one person or many are not virtuous. Especially in their day, the qualities of being "young" and "rich" were attractive qualities to have. May God forbid that we **sin** by following/ hanging out with attractive people so as to stir up premarital romance.

## Single Indeed

An unfinished meditation

'Save church \$ for those who are widows indeed'

> There is a such thing as those who are "unmarried indeed"

Those who are truly living single for Jesus until He would give them a wife God has reserved a special treasure. The Church is not to waste its money on those widows who are widows by technicality but don't live as such in their lives.

Similarly a virtuous woman is a priceless commodity. What does it say?

"Her cost is more than rubies..."

They are truly rare

"...who can find"

even to the point that it is only by the favor of God that one obtains such a wife.

"Finds a wife... [is actually] obtaining favor from the Lord"

And what does that single person look like who is 'single indeed'?

"The unmarried man is concerned about the lord's affairs"

If we will know that there are truly those women who are virtuous and especially priceless in his eyes then to whom has He promised them? If the Church is to be like Christ and we are clearly told not to waste money on the so-called 'widows' which are not so in heart, will Christ then contradict this pattern and give those precious virtuous women to those who are not single indeed? Certainly not! Indeed, if we live single but are not so indeed, then we are on our own when it comes to finding a spouse. For God does not exalt those who exalt themselves, but those who humble themselves. Those who seek out their wife will not be obtaining favor of God, but they will be exalting themselves and forfeiting God's exaltation for them.

**Think:** Dating (as we know it) offers a deceptive sense of comfort from emotional pain; it offers a false sense of love and well being. But it leads to death, because it is in the direction of adultery:

**Pro 7:18 LITV** Come, let us take our fill of **love** until the morning, let us **delight** ourselves with **caresses**.

(But it says she leads to hell)