

LSD Part 3: Dating

“What’s love got to do with it?”

-Tina Turner

“I want your sex”

-George Michael

These two songs describe much of our society’s view on dating:

- It’s not about love.
- It’s a way to fulfill sexual desire.
- It’s become a practice filled with expectation and pressure.

The World vs. The Bible

Different perspectives on ...

Love

Sex

Dating

Dating Woes:

It’s awkward!

I’m too nervous!

What if they don’t like me?

Do you remember the
“will you go with me” notes?

What do most people do on a date?

“ Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.”

- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

“On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.”

- Martin, age 10

When is it okay to kiss someone?

“When they're rich.”
- Pam, age 7

“The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.”
- Curt, age 7

“The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.”
- Howard, age 8

Is it better to be single or to be married?

“I don't know which is better, but I'll tell you one thing. I'm never going to have sex with my wife. I don't want to be all grossed out.”
- Theodore, age 8

“It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.”
- Anita, age 9 (bless you child)

The 7 Do's of Dating:

Practical and Biblical...

1. Know what God's will is for this season of your life.

Daniel 2:21

“He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.”

The 7 Do's of Dating:

2. Trust God to provide the right person at the right time.

Psalm 20:7

“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.”

The 7 Do's of Dating:

3. If you have children, communicate openly with them about your choice to date.

Proverbs 12:18 and 15:1

“Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing .”

“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”

The 7 Do's of Dating:

4. Take it slow.

Psalm 37:7 & 34

“Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.”

“Wait for the LORD and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.”

The 7 Do's of Dating:

5. Be obedient to the Lord concerning your dating habits.

2 John 1:6

“And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.”

The 7 Do's of Dating:

6. Be accountable about your dating relationships.

Hebrews 4:13

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

The 7 Do's of Dating:

7. Value spiritual beauty over physical beauty.

1 Samuel 16:7

"But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Discussion Questions:

Do you see dating as something that is awkward or makes you nervous? Why or why not?

Discussion Questions:

Do you think the dating practices of most Christians are different than those who do not know the Lord? Should they be? Why?

Discussion Questions:

In a world that has distorted the true meanings of love and sex, how should we view dating? What are some positive and negative aspects of dating from a Christian standpoint?