

LSD Part 4: Dating

# The Seven “Don’ts” of Dating

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?

## The 7 Do’s of Dating: Recap

1. Know what God’s will is for this season of your life. (Daniel 2:21)
2. Trust God to provide the right person at the right time. (Psalm 20:7)
3. If you have children, communicate openly with them about your choice to date. (Proverbs 12:18 & 15:1)

## The 7 Do's of Dating: Recap

4. Take it slow. (Psalm 37:7 & 34)
5. Be obedient to the Lord concerning your dating habits. (2 John 1:6)
6. Be accountable about your dating relationships. (Hebrews 4:13)
7. Value spiritual beauty over physical beauty. (1 Samuel 16:7)

## What is the right age to get married?

"Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then."

- Camille, age 10

"No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married."

- Freddie, age 6 (hmm...)

## How do you decide who to marry?

"You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming."

- Alan, age 10

"No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with."

- Kirsten, age 10

## How would the world be different if people didn't get married?

"There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?"

- Kelvin, age 8

## The 7 Don'ts of Dating:

### Practical and Biblical...

1. Don't seek a mate. Seek God!

Matthew 6:31-33

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

## The 7 Don'ts of Dating:

3. Don't date an unbeliever.

2 Corinthians 6:14-15

"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever."

## The 7 Don'ts of Dating:

2. Don't be impatient in your singleness.

Philippians 4:12-13

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

## The 7 Don'ts of Dating:

4. Don't date a believer who has open disobedience in their lives.

2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

"If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him. Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed. Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother."

## The 7 Don'ts of Dating:

5. Don't see how far you can go without blowing it.

### 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

"It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life."

## The 7 Don'ts of Dating:

7. Don't let your emotions get out of control (too soon).

### Proverbs 4:23

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

## The 7 Don'ts of Dating:

6. Don't wear a mask. Be yourself!

### Ephesians 5:6-7

"Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them."

## Discussion Questions:

**Do you see your singleness as something to be endured until you find the right person? Why or why not?**

## Discussion Questions:

**How important do you think it is to date someone who is a “Christian”? Someone who exhibits faith not just in word but in deed as well?**

## Discussion Questions:

**In dating relationships are you prone to be deceptive initially or to get emotionally overcommitted? If so, why do you think this happens?**