

The Dating Game

How to get a wife (biblically):

- Genesis 2
- Genesis 24
- 1 Samuel 25
- 1 Samuel 18

Follow biblical principles in your dating life before marriage and it will save you a world of pain before and during your marriage.

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1. Consider Singleness (1 Cor 7:1-2, 8, 32-35. P 1132)

2. Wait to Date (Prov 19:2)

"It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the way."

3. Don't Date or Marry Unbelievers (2 Cor 6:14-15. P 1145)

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4. Stay Sexually Pure (1 Thess 4:3. P 1170)



Rusty makes his move.

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"It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality."

5. Pursue God Before a Mate (Matt 22:36-40; Ex 20:3,4)

6. Work at becoming the best person rather than finding the "perfect" person (2 Peter 1:3, 5-9. P 1204)

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7. Evaluate your spiritual & relational compatibility
 - Spiritual: 1 Cor 15:33: *“Bad company corrupts good character”;*
Prov 12:4: *“A wife of noble character is her husband’s crown, but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones.”*
 - Relational: Prov 17:1: *“Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife.”*

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8. Take your time to get to know the real them, their family of origin etc.



Suddenly, the car struck a pothole, the glovebox flew open, and Sparky knew the date was basically over.

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8. Take your time to get to know the real them, their family of origin etc. (Ex 20:5; Prov 20:7: *“The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him.”*)

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9. Get and Apply Input: from parents, pre-marriage counseling, close advisors, books.

Prov 19:20: "Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise."

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10. As a broken person, watch for self-deception and commit your ways to the Lord.

Prov 16:2; 21:2:

“All a man’s ways seem right to him, but the Lord weighs the heart.”

Prov 3:6: *“In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths.”*

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