

How to Date Like a Christian







Dating is an intentional relationship

aimed at discerning whether two people should get married.

**Dating is not casual romance,
sexual access, or a long-term
relationship that imitates
marriage without commitment.**

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**4. Modern Dating:
Mid 1900s–now**

**Methods may vary, but
“dating” is simply the
process of working toward
toward marriage.**

**Marriage is a covenantal,
whole-life union between a
man and a woman that
points to the gospel.**

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4. Gospel portrait
Ephesians 5:32

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5. Intentional, not rushed or fearful

Proverbs 19:2

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