

Real Love Dating



What are the top three things you look for in a significant other?

What are you looking for in a future husband/wife?



1. Who do you need to be to date?
2. What is the point of dating?
3. Who am I looking for?
4. What do we do and not do?

Who Do You Need to be to Date?

- Before you start dating, take a look at yourself and see who you are and who you are becoming.
- Your significant other will fail you time after time after time.
- Don't try to find the right person, you need to become the right person!

***Who you need to be to date is a person who is
pursuing Jesus!***

Who Do You Need to be to Date?

- The most important relationship you can ever have is your relationship with Jesus. Knowing Him, loving Him, pursuing Him is so much more important than anything else.
- The relationship you have with Jesus will affect all your other relationships.
- Before you start dating you **NEED** and **HAVE** to get serious about your relationship with Jesus.

Who Do You Need to be to Date?

- How do you become a person that is pursuing Jesus?
 - a daily quiet time
 - reading and studying scripture
 - intimate time of prayer and fellowship with the Lord.
 - hearing his voice and responding to what He says.
- When pursuing Jesus becomes your number one priority and way of life then and only then can we start to pursue and look for a significant other.

Who Do You Need to be to Date?

- God is far more concerned with your relationship with Him than your future partner.
- If you want to find a godly man or woman to date then you need to become a godly man or woman that they would want to date!

Who Do You Need to be to Date?

1. Are you spiritually mature? Take an honest look at your spiritual maturity. Are you having a daily quiet time, praying to God and are you pursuing the things of God.
2. Is the Bible changing your behavior and your lifestyle?
3. Are you emotionally healthy to pursue a dating relationship?
4. Are you ready to build a relationship that has God as the cornerstone and is pleasing to Him?

What is the Point of Dating?

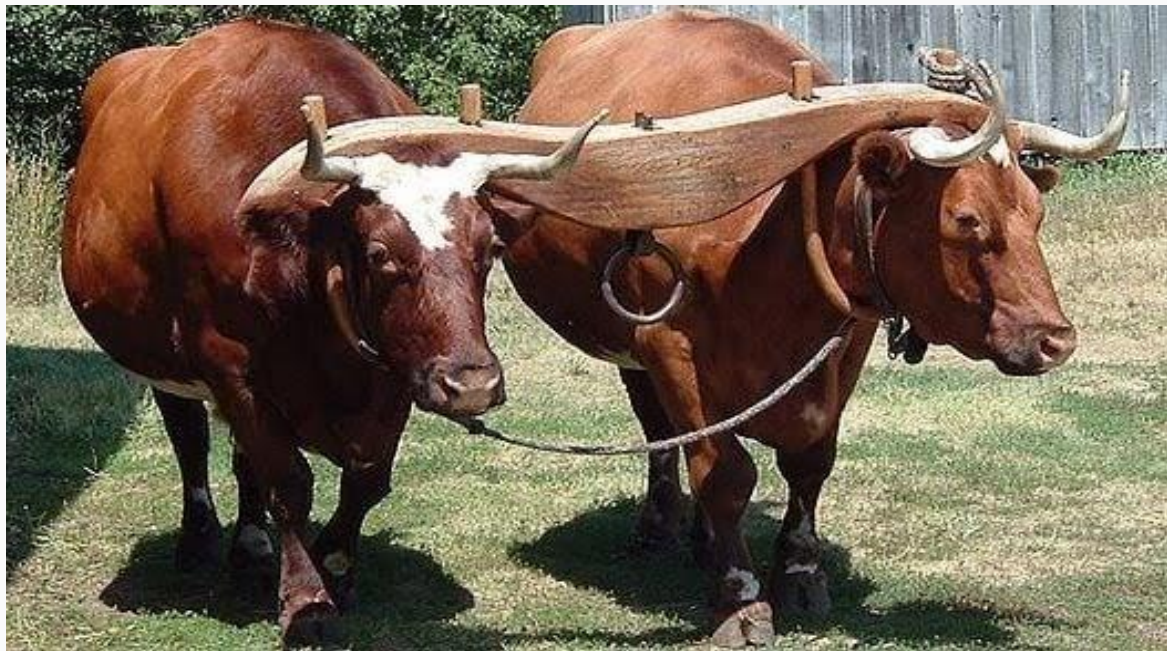
- There are no biblical examples of dating in the entire bible.
- In ancient Judea, marriage was a contract between families. The marriage of a son and daughter was going to bring a benefit for both parties at hand. Most often there would be an exchange of gifts. “I want to marry your daughter so here are 200 of my finest sheep and cattle.”

What is the Point of Dating?

- A biblical view of the point of dating would be to date with the intent and purpose of marriage and honoring God throughout the process.
- A biblical viewpoint of marriage is one man and one woman making a covenant before almighty God. There is NO other form of marriage laid out in the scripture.

Who am I Looking For?

- 2 Corinthians 6:14 “14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?”
- A “yoke” is a wooden bar that joins two oxen to each other and to the burden they pull.
- When oxen are unequally yoked, they cannot perform the task set before them. Instead of working together, they are at odds with one another and go in circles.



Who am I Looking For?

- Christians are looking for an equally yoked partner to go through life with. Christians are looking for a member of the opposite sex who has believed and received Jesus into their life and seek to honor and please the Lord daily.

How do I know if the person I am pursuing/dating/like is truly a Christian?

- You'll have to see it come to fruition.
- Do they talk about Jesus?
- Do they have a love for the word of God?
- How do they treat other people?
- Do they bear fruit in their lives for the Kingdom? Do they bear the fruits of the spirit?
- How do they communicate? Are they foul mouths or above reproach?

Who am I Looking For?

- Red flags are things that should alarm you to get out of the relationship and not even think about pursuing it anymore.
- Key Red Flags: non-Christian, anger issues, value in looks and friendships, drama driven, controlling, extreme jealousy, self centered, foul language, dismiss physical boundaries

What Do We Do and Not Do?

- Although dating is with the intent towards marriage. We don't do things that married people do until we're married.

Application

Take a deep, long look at yourself and ask yourself. Am I ready for a relationship? Am I pursuing Jesus in such a way that if I got into a relationship I would honor Him in it?