

**I. Critique of Secular Dating**

- A. What is the difference between secular dating and Christian dating?
- B. What are shortcomings with secular dating?

*Secular dating*

Physical Oneness — Emotional Oneness — Commitment — Spiritual Oneness

Emotional Oneness — Physical Oneness — Commitment — Spiritual Oneness

*Christian dating*

Commitment — Spiritual Oneness — Emotional Oneness — Physical Oneness  
[marriage]

**II. Model for Christian Dating**

- A. Preparation Stage
  - i. Spiritual maturity [Galatians 5:22-23]
  - ii. Emotional maturity
  - iii. Financial stability [Proverbs 24:27]
  - iv. Parental training
  - v. Household training
- B. Friendship Stage  
1 Timothy 5:1-2
- C. Possibility Stage
  - i. Research
  - ii. Get godly counsel
  - iii. Pray individually
  - iv. Initial meeting
  - v. Pray mutually
  - vi. Set boundaries
  - vii. Decide
- D. Christian Dating Stage
- E. Marriage Stage