

BIBLICAL GUY-GAL RELATIONSHIPS



7 Lesson Course:

- I. Being Single is OK
- II. Biblical Definition of Marriage & Divorce
- III. Wrong Relationships & Forgiveness, Part 1 & 2
- IV. Dating or Courting? [PRE-COURTSHIP/GROUP DATING]
- V. When am I ready to Propose or Say Yes? [COURTING, ENGAGEMENT, MARRIAGE]
- VI. Marriage as a Ministry Platform
- VII. Guys Only & Gals Only (Conduct)

Before we get started:

1. The content of this course is made up of three things:
 - a. **C** - God's Commands - are to be obeyed
 - b. **P** - God's Principles - are to be applied when making decisions
 - c. **S** - Our Suggestions - plenty of room for debate; please take these to Scripture yourself
 2. Our goal is for you to come to the place where:
 - a. You are willing to follow the Lord's leading in being content with being single, or
 - b. If His will for you is to be married, you marry His choice at His time, so you may have a successful marriage
 - c. You let Him use your life & relationships for His glory
 - d. You have a lifetime position of credibility when you teach others to know & follow Christ
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Quick review on last week:

How do I know if he/she are the right one?

- a. **YOU ARE EQUALLY YOKED.**
- b. **YOUR WALKS.**
- c. **TIMING.**
- d. **EMPLOYMENT.**
- e. **THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS WHOM YOU KNOW.**
- f. **PRAYER.**
- g. **COUNSEL.**

If there is any doubt-Wait! Waiting is not saying 'no', it is just saying 'Lord, guide me'

Engagement (objective: to confirm & plan the marriage):

1. Men: ask the male spiritual leadership in the woman's life for their blessing to marry her
2. Stay in an accountability relationship
3. Stay in the light
4. Use the time to get to know each other socially, spiritually & emotionally
5. Make specific guidelines for yourselves during Engagement
6. Have good pre-marriage counseling/bible teaching

Marriage (objective: to become one in Christ):

1. get to know each other socially, spiritually, emotionally & physically
2. Date!
3. **RESULTS IN ONENES**

VI. Marriage as a Ministry Platform

INTEGRATED Christian life - NOT COMPARTMENTALIZED life

1 peter 2:9

1 Corinthian 10:31

Colossian 2:9

Ecclesiastes 3:1,11

Priscilla Aquila- Examples of Ministry thorough the marriage platform.

6 references they are mentioned in:

Acts 18:1-3

Acts 18:18- 21

Acts 18:24-28

Romans 16:3-5

1 Corinthians 16:19-20

2 Timothy 4:19

Seven examples in their ministry as a couple (one in Christ):

- 1) **One in their love to Christ.**(“**risked their own neck** (singular) **for my life**”)
- 2) **One in their marriage!** Even through trial-like persecution, moving from place to place.
- 3) **One as laborers in Christ** (“**my fellow workers in Christ Jesus**” **Rom 16:3**)
- 4) **One in their friendship with Paul –Hospitality.** *1 peter 4:7-10 Hebrews 13:2*
- 5) **One in their knowledge of the scriptures.** . (“*Explained More accurately*” *V. 26.*)
- 6) **One in their service to the Lord** (started **churched at their homes**)
- 7) **One in their testimony to others** Consistent in their love and loyalty to the Lord.
Christianity start in the home!! **Matthew 5:16**

Their life shows the sacrificial love of our Lord.

When you establish a home, strive for the same fruitful ministry!