



DATING GUIDELINES

1. **Cultural dilemma**

- Biblical customs were that a couple were to marry at age 13 + 14 before their sex drives kicked in
- Our culture is that we marry in 20's
- The law of diminishing return applies
- The dilemma is that our sex drives are well in operation by then

2. **Natural facts**

- Men are turned on by looks
- Women are turned on by touch

3. **Biblical guideline for men**

- Do not light the fire of passion prematurely – 1 Cor 7:1

4. **Biblical guideline for women**

- Dress as not to provoke lustful thoughts – 1 Tim 2:9

5. **Sex is reserved for marriage ONLY**

- God will judge any sex had outside of marriage – Heb 13:4
- Sex is a covenant and this is when god sees you as married – Deut 22:28-30
- Blood is shed, covenant is made – Deut 22:13-15

6. **Practical guidelines for dating**

- Holding hands and kissing is the boundary and Must not go further

Summary

Purity before marriage leads to Faithfulness after marriage