

BIBLICAL DATING: AN INTRODUCTION

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“Biblical Dating”: An Oxymoron?

Proverbs 30:18-19

Examples in Scripture

The approach: Biblical principles applied with biblically informed wisdom

Definitions

“Dating” vs. “Courtship”

Biblical Dating vs. Unbiblical (or Worldly) Dating

“A relationship between a man and a woman who are actively and intentionally together to consider marriage” (Joshua Harris, *Boy Meets Girl*, 27).

Guiding Principles

1. When to Begin
2. Defining Success
3. Releasing Some Pressure
4. Growing & Guarding

Recommended Resources:

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