

BIBLICAL DATING: DATING, DESIRE & SINGLENESS

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Review

1. Our approach—Apply biblical principles with biblically informed wisdom. Not one simple model that is given in Scripture for how to pursue a spouse and get married.
2. “Biblical dating”—“A relationship between a man and a woman who are actively and intentionally together to consider marriage” (Joshua Harris, *Boy Meets Girl*, 27).

Dating & Sinful Desires

“Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another” (Galatians 5:13).

Dating & Godly Desires

“Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever” (Psalm 73:25-26).

Ministry vs. Manipulation

Singleness & Desire

“Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am” (1 Cor 7:6-8).

“In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:6-7).

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