

Developing a Dating Gameplan

As men, how we date has a lasting effect on everyone involved. We will look at God's plan for relationships and how to be the man that God and our (future) wives want us to be.

1. **Introduction**
2. **Personal testimony as it relates to dating**
 - a. Story of Grace and Protection
 - b. Expand on dating story
3. **God's Plan for Relationships**
 - a. Ultimate goal of dating is finding a life partner, Date intentionally!
 - b. Establish a new family unit - Genesis 2:24
 - c. Companionship – Amos 3:3, Proverbs 17:17, 18:24, 27:6, 27:9-10
 - d. Husbands are the leaders of our family – Ephesians 5:23
4. **Character of Men**
 - a. Examples of Pre-marriage relationships in Scripture
 - i. Boaz and Ruth (Book of Ruth)
 1. Boaz' Character
 - ii. Isaac and Rebekah (Genesis 24)
 1. Isaac's Character
 - b. Fruits of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22-23
 - c. Act like Men - 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
 - d. Be a leader – Mark 10:42-45
5. **Interactive – What Characteristics do you look for in a partner?**
 - a. 2 Corinthians 6:14-15
6. **Character of Women**
 - a. Ruth – Ruth 3:10-11
 - b. Proverbs 31

- c. How we date a woman helps or hinders her becoming one

7. Jarid Ghaffari– Today's Dating Scene

- a. Personal Testimony
- b. Singleness today
- c. Purity

8. Purity on this side of marriage - Hebrews 13:4

- a. How we treat women says a lot about our character
 - i. 1 Timothy 5:2
 - ii. 2 Timothy 2:22
 - iii. 1 Corinthians 6:18
 - iv. Jeremiah 17:9
- b. Chances are that each girl you take out will be somebody's wife someday
 - i. Respect her
 - ii. Respect her husband
 - iii. Sin has a lasting impact
- c. Tips for Purity – Proverbs 4:23
 - i. Create Boundaries
 - ii. 3 Nothings – Nothing below the neck, Nothing comes off, Nothing laying down
 - iii. Surround yourself with a community of believers who will be bold with you
 - iv. Be transparent
 - v. Bounce your eyes (Every Man's Battle by Stephen Arterburn & Fred Stoeker)

9. Review

- a. God's Plan for Relationships
- b. Character of a Godly Man
- c. Character of a Godly Women
- d. Today's Dating World
- e. Purity