

3 Reasons You Should Not Date

Question

How do I know if its God's timing for me to date?

Ecclesiastes 3:11

He has made everything beautiful in its time.

We've all heard the age-old saying, "Timing is everything", but is timing everything when it comes to dating? Has God predestined a specific moment where He gives us the green light to date? Most often the ones asking about God's "timing" are the believers whose most earnest desire is to live a life that pleases Him. The concept of knowing God's timing on when to date is tricky. There is often a fog of confusion because many have a tendency to over-spiritualize the concept.

Can you know if it's God's timing for you to date? Yes, but you do not have to wait for an audible voice to roar from Heaven, "I grant you permission to date!" That's probably not going happen. You should always seek God's will in all things, even in dating. While seeking God's plan you should take an open, honest evaluation of your personal condition. Here are three reason you probably shouldn't date:

1. You should not consider dating if you have an inconsistent walk with God.

As believers there is no relationship more important than our relationship with God. There is a belief that if we "find the one" everything will fall into place. That is a true statement, only if "The One" you are referring to is Jesus. Until we are successful in daily devotion to Him, we will be unsuccessful in every other relationship.

2. You should not consider dating if you don't know your self-worth.

We've seen more lives damaged, because they missed this truth, than we'd like to admit. She has low self-esteem. He has deep insecurities. Both are broken. Two incomplete people make a complete person, right? Wrong. The theory "I'll provide what you are missing and you provide what I'm missing" creates only one

thing – A recipe for disaster. Until you understand how valuable you are to God, you will fight to find your value everywhere else, including a bad relationship.

3. You should not consider dating if you are not rooted in community.

This is a death trap. An old African proverb says, “It takes a village to raise a child.” We would dare say that it takes a church to raise a healthy relationship. The first plague to strike most relationships is the plague of isolation. You’re head over heels in love. You know what I’m talking about. Everything else in the world fades away, it’s just you and them. And that’s where it all starts to go wrong. It’s true we were designed to have only one significant other, but we were not designed to have only one relationship. We believe a key secret to healthy dating is the local church. If you are not rooted in a community of believers, dating should not even be considered. If you want to find someone that will be faithful to you, look for someone who is faithful to the House of God.

If you are looking to know if it is God’s timing for you to date, evaluating your life in these three areas will point you in the right direction. If you are inconsistent in your daily devotion, have no understanding of your value in Christ, not rooted in a local church, then you should not consider dating. Once these areas are in order, the coast is clear. Get your date on!

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