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PART TWO

DATING

THIS LITTLE WORD CAN STRIKE SUCH FEAR IN EVEN THE MOST FEARSOME OF HEARTS. BUT SHOULD IT? SINCE THE BIBLE DOESN'T REALLY SPEAK TO THE PROCESS OF DATING AS IT'S DEFINED IN OUR CULTURE, LET'S TAKE A LOOK THROUGH THE PAGES OF SCRIPTURE, AND DETERMINE THE PRINCIPLES AND QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD GUIDE US AS WE SEEK TO HONOR JESUS IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS.

DATING: THE PRINCIPLES

PRINCIPLE #1: YOU MUST NEVER CONSIDER DATING ANYONE WHO IS UNSAVED (II COR. 6:14).

PRINCIPLE #2: YOU MUST BE IN A SEASON OF LIFE WHERE YOU SHOULD BE DATING.

CONSIDER YOUR PARENTS (EPH. 6:1).
CONSIDER YOUR TIME-FRAME (SONG OF SOL. 8:4).
CONSIDER YOUR MINISTRY.

PRINCIPLE #3: YOU MUST BE REASONABLE IN YOUR EXPECTATIONS WHEN IT COMES TO DATING (COL. 1:28).

PRINCIPLE #4: YOU MUST LOVE JESUS MORE THAN THE IDEA OF DATING, OR THE PERSON THAT YOU ARE DATING (IS. 58:11).

PRINCIPLE #5: YOU MUST CHOOSE NOT TO TOUCH WHILE YOU ARE DATING (I COR. 7:1-2).

DATING: THE QUESTIONS

GUYS

- IS THIS A GIRL WHO HONORS GOD (PROV. 31:30)?
- IS THIS A GIRL WHO HONORS HER FAMILY?
- IS THIS A GIRL WHO IS MODEST (I TIM. 2:9)?
- IS THIS THE QUARRELSOME WOMAN OF PROVERBS?

GIRLS

- IS THIS A GUY WHO CAN CARRY THE LOAD (I TIM. 5:8)?
- IS THIS A GUY WHO IS CONSIDERATE OF YOU (EPH. 5:25)?
- IS THIS A ONE-WOMAN MAN (I TIM. 3:2)?
- IS THIS A GUY WHO VALUES YOU?