



DATING IN CHRISTIANITY

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ABSTRACT: *The author has been ordained to God the Creator since 2013. In Christianity, one must be able to maintain holiness. God Jahowa will give great blessings and His spirit to the couple who can keep their holiness until the wedding day. The purpose of this article is to build positive and holy dating habits. Author have advice, that is "Marry the one you love, and love the one you marry."*

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INTRODUCTION

The author has an ability to speak through long-distance contact with God Jahowa, God Jesus, and Holy Spirits. This gift is a sort of sixth sense of the author. This gift of the author was obtained in 2008, but it has been more intensive since 2012. This gift is real at any time until now. The author feels happy to speak with God. What, the author may ask, are the most important things? The author also feels happy to be able to share their experience with the reader.

A. The author becomes God Creator

While undergoing the Christian Fast (31 days; no eating but drinking three glasses a day—1 glass at 6 am, 1 glass in the afternoon, and 1 glass at 6 pm) in the year 2013, God Jahowa asked the author, "Sabar, will you become God?"

The author replied, "God Jahowa, being God is difficult and complicated. I want to be a member of the Heavenly Army when I die. I ask to be a squad leader. That's my belief."

The next day, God Jahowa offered a second request: "Sabar, will you become God?"

The author replied, "God Jahowa, being God is complicated and difficult. Is there no other name besides God?"

God Jahowa replied, "None."

The next day, God Jahowa offered a third request: "Sabar, will you become God?"

The author replied, "Yes, God Jahowa, your will be done."

After the author completed the fast, God Jahowa appointed the author as the second Savior of the World and Creator God of the universe.

However, since January 2016, the author has only been the God Creator in the Universe.

This is in accordance with the contents of Romans 8:29-30:

²⁹ For those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

The author's deity is different from the God Jesus. There need not be two or more of the same God. The God Jesus has miracles, while the author does not. The task of the God Jesus is on Earth and in Heaven, while the writer is in international space.



B. The Purpose of Dating: Preparing for Marriage, Not Just Fun

The younger generation are the nation's successors and the ones who will carry the baton of government. We want a young generation that is resilient, intelligent, honest, highly ethical, and virtuous.

Youth is the time when there are the most opportunities for dating. Dating is a human relationship before marriage. During courtship, a man and a woman develop a rapport and learn from each other.

Dating is not the same across the world; it varies according to culture. Dating in the East differs from dating in the West. In the East, dating, limited to just making out, is permitted, but sexual intercourse is prohibited.

In the West, it is said that marital relations are commonplace. There is a saying, "Try it before you marry." There is also a culture of mutually exclusive sex in certain countries. However, the author does not know if all Westerners are like that.

When I asked God about this matter of dating, He said that for couples who are dating or engaged, kissing (making out) and holding hands are not sinful, but they are undesirable. Therefore, God strongly disapproves of marital relations before marriage or during courtship. He also dislikes couples who "jump the gun" (have sex before the blessing). He prefers couples who maintain their purity until the wedding blessing.

If a couple engages in sexual intercourse before marriage, a spirit will infest them, preventing them from receiving the blessing, especially during the wedding ceremony. This spirit cannot be expelled by God.

However, God's Spirit can be given to couples who can restrain their lusts until the wedding blessing. God's Spirit can flourish through the faithfulness of the couple.

For dating couples, flirting is actually a normal thing, but God can bless them if they maintain their purity until marriage; this blessing is immense and crucial.

In dating, openness and honesty are essential. Love and affection are demonstrated by receiving and giving things, such as flowers, clothing, books, and so on. However, shaking hands and kissing on the left and right cheeks for three seconds are permitted.

The prospective wife/husband may be taken to the doctor for a gender checkup and health checkup.

Dating is a period of introduction and courtship between two people who are attracted to each other, with the goal of marriage. Among young Christians, dating is an important and sensitive topic. Many wonder: Is dating permissible in Christianity? How should Christians conduct courtship relationships that are right before God?

The Bible does not directly mention the term "dating," because in the cultural context of biblical times, relationships leading to marriage typically involved an engagement or matchmaking process within the family. However, the principles in God's Word provide clear guidance regarding the relationship between a man and a woman before marriage, including how to establish a relationship that is healthy, holy, and pleasing to God.



Dating, from a Christian perspective, is not simply a directionless romantic relationship, but rather a process of getting to know someone better to determine whether they are the right life partner according to God's will.

Proverbs 19:14 says,

"Houses and wealth are an inheritance from ancestors, but a prudent wife is a gift from the Lord."

Because a life partner is a gift from God, the courtship period should be approached seriously, prayerfully, and filled with righteous values. Relationships pursued solely for emotional outlets, lust, or fleeting pleasure contradict the noble purpose of Christian marriage.

C. Biblical Principles in Dating

C.1. Maintaining Holiness

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 advises:

"For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality."

Dating is not an excuse to violate the sanctity of the body. Excessive physical contact before marriage (such as sexual intercourse) is contrary to God's will. Holiness does not mean rigidity, but rather reflects respect for each other as precious creations of God.

C.2. Building Each Other Up in Faith

Christian couples should draw each other closer to God, not distance each other. 2 Corinthians 6:14 says:

"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

Dating should not be based solely on feelings, but also on shared faith values. A healthy relationship will develop character, encourage spiritual growth, and strengthen commitment to Christ.

C.3. Prioritizing Pure Love, Not Lust

True love as described in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7,

13:4 Love is patient; love is kind; it does not envy. It does not boast or become arrogant. 13:5 It does not behave rudely or seek its own. It is not easily angered or keeps a record of wrongs. 13:6 It does not rejoice over injustice, but rejoices with the truth. 13:7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

C.4. Risks and Boundaries in Dating

Dating that is not conducted in light of God's Word can lead to emotional wounds, sexual sin, or unhealthy relationships. Therefore, Christians must set clear boundaries: in social interactions, in communication, and in emotional involvement.



Some important things to note:

- Don't make your partner the center of your life—God must always come first.
- Involve a spiritual mentor or spiritual parent for guidance and advice.
- Be honest and open from the beginning about your values and vision for life.

D. Author's Advice

The author offers the following advice:

"Marry the one you love, and love the one you marry."

However, try to marry a young man or woman of the same faith. Don't trade your faith for love. Marrying someone of a different faith can create problems, such as whose religion your children will follow.

This advice is divided into two parts. First, "Marry the one you love." This advice is for young men and women, advising them not to look at the prospective partner's wealth or education, but rather to choose out of pure and holy love. Only in this way can we find a soul mate.

The second advice is "Love the one you marry," meaning don't cheat. Your love should not fade or fade, even if your spouse's beauty or handsomeness diminishes. Love your wife or husband for the rest of your life, until death do you part; do not move on.

Love and marriage are two things that are often considered inseparable, but in reality, they don't always go hand in hand. In the midst of the dynamics of the times, two poles have emerged in views on marriage: one says, "Marry the one you love," and the other says, "Love the one you marry." Both contain important values, and if combined in a balanced way, will form the foundation of a strong and blessed marriage.

D.1. Marry the One You Love: The Importance of the Right Choice

Loving before marriage is natural and ideal. God created humans with hearts and feelings, and in the process of finding a life partner, love is a crucial element that unites two individuals. Pure love born of knowing, communicating, and emotional intimacy is the foundation for building a household.

In the light of Christianity, healthy love before marriage is not just romantic feelings, but also a readiness to give, serve, and sacrifice (1 Corinthians 13:4–7):

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Choosing to marry the one we love does not mean seeking perfection, but finding someone we can accept and serve for life.



D.2. Love the Person You Marry: Commitment After the Promise

Love isn't just something you "feel," but something you consciously and consistently act on. That's why, once a marriage begins, love must be continually cultivated. Many people marry with great love, but over time, challenges, conflicts, and routines can cause that love to fade if not nurtured.

Loving the person you marry is a moral and spiritual command, not just a fleeting feeling. In Ephesians 5:25, the Bible commands:

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

This shows that love in marriage is an active, sacrificial act, not a feeling you wait for to come automatically.

D.3. Harmony between Choice and Commitment

"Marrying the person you love" involves an initial choice, while "loving the person you marry" involves a long-term commitment. Without love, a marriage will feel empty. But without commitment, love can fade and become fragile.

Many couples marry without deep love, but grow to love each other through loyalty and cooperation. Conversely, many marry out of strong love but fail to maintain it due to ego, immaturity, or a lack of commitment.

Ideally, we marry for love, and after marriage, we continue to learn to love, through joy and sorrow.

D.4. Christian Marriage: More Than Just Romantic Love

In Christianity, marriage is not just a contract, but a sacred covenant before God. Therefore, love in a Christian marriage should not depend solely on emotions, but must be guided by divine love (agape), which is patient, kind, non-selfish, and keeps no record of wrongs (1 Corinthians 13).

Marrying someone you love is a gift. But loving the person you marry is a sacred responsibility. The two must go hand in hand.

"Marry the one you love, and love the one you marry" are two sides of the same coin of a healthy and holy marriage. One involves an initial choice based on the heart and God's will, and the other involves a lifelong commitment to unconditional love.

Christian marriage is not just about feelings, but about faith, promise, and fidelity. By combining sincere love and a solid commitment, Christian couples can build a household that not only endures but also blesses others and glorifies God.