

# The Process of Finding The Suitable Helper

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# The LORD is my Helper

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- “Then the LORD God said, It is not good for the man to be alone, I will make him a helper suitable for him.”  
Genesis 2:18
- “Behold, God is my helper, the Lord is the sustainer of my soul.” Psalm 54:4

# Truths that Guide Us

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1. Indulgence of sexual desire in thought or deed outside of marriage is sin. Matthew 15:18-20
2. Scripture is sufficient to lead us. Matthew 4:4
3. There is liberty of conscience in matters not addressed by Scripture but beware of setting stumblingblocks. Romans 14:13

# Definition of Terms

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Forming a Relationship ...

Is it Dating or is it Courtship ??

Dating/Courtship in this context means any social activity shared between two single persons of the opposite sex in which these two persons are "paired off", focused on each other.

# The Way to Honor God

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1. Submit to Oversight
2. Remember the Purpose
3. Discover the Compatibility

# Submit to Oversight

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## 1. Take Heed to Wise Counsel

Proverbs 12:15 "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel."

## 2. Honor father and mother

Ephesians 6:2,3 "Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise) so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth."

# Submitting to Oversight

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## 3. Obey parents

Ephesians 6:1 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."

But when is a child independent?

## 4. Recognize duty of a father

Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and the instruction of the Lord."

# Remember the Purpose

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Is the mere purpose of having a good time or of having a steady girlfriend a wise end for dating/courtship?

Scriptural considerations say, “No!”

*The only wise purpose for dating/courtship is ultimately to pursue and investigate the possibility of marriage.*

# Remember the Purpose

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## 1. The First Couple

The intimate, helpful companionship of marriage was in view here, not a “dating” relationship.

## 2. The Only Scriptural Positive

There is no positive goal other than marriage identified in Scripture for “paired-off” couples. Whenever we find a “paired-off” couple in which at least one person does not have marriage in view, we find immorality. Examples are Amnon and Tamar (2 Sam 13) and Samson and Delilah (Judges 16)

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## 3. The Extreme Danger

It is extremely dangerous to engage in dating without a focus on marriage. Romans 13:14 "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." There are other, much less dangerous ways for men to learn how to interact socially with ladies.

# Discover the Compatibility

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## 1. Bond of the Spirit

Is she really a Christian? 2 Corinthians 6:15

## 2. Likemindedness in judgment

Is there understanding? 1 Peter 3:7

## 3. Man's Financial Responsibility

Are you ready to support a family? 1 Timothy 5:8

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