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Chapter 1 : Courting Desire?: Love and Intimacy in Late 19th and early 20th Century Kwazulu-Natal

Mature Intimacy: Courtship and Marriage "Chapter 6: Mature Intimacy: Courtship and Marriage," A Parent's Guide (), Courtship and marriage are the culmination of the development that has taken place throughout the first eighteen to twenty years of life.

What are 20 tips about courtship? Dear Jayne, This was such an excellent request. I hope that the following 20 Tips for Women about Courtship will help to inspire you and others to holy romance when that time in life comes. Only consider courtship at a time in your life when you are ready to consider marriage. Until that timeâ€”foster the virtue of friendship and hold off the romance until you are really ready for it. Only enter into a courtship with a man whom you would consider marrying. She may end up marrying a man that she otherwise would not have. Enter a courtship to discern whether or not you are called to marriage with a certain man. Courtship is dating with a purpose. Stay friends or acquaintances for the time being. Courtship is about prayerful discernment, which means you will decide either that God is not calling you to marriage with this man or that He is not. Both outcomes are valid in a courtship! You need to foster prayer in your lives individually and as a couple. Base your courtship in the family: Family is an invaluable resource and such an integral part of who we are. You will learn much about each other by seeing how each other relates to family members. And your family, in turn, can give you much insight about the man with whom you are courting and his family, about you! Love can be blind at timesâ€”family and friends can really help to correct our vision. If you are far from family, make every effort to get home and spend time with them. And in the meantime, adopt a family friend from Church, for example to provide for you all the benefits of a family-based courtship. Items 6 â€” 15 deal with setting guidelines for yourselves from the very beginning of your courtship. The following points will cover areas you should consider in those guidelines. Guard your hearts and do not dive emotionally into a courtship relationship head first. Give yourselves time to learn about each other. Do not open up all your intimate secrets, desires and longings to each other immediatelyâ€”just because you are courting. Allow your relationship to grow naturally. Keep the mystery alive by not revealing everything all at once. You need to be honest with each other, but that does not mean you have to reveal everything right away. As the relationship grows, you will discover a natural pace for sharing those emotional intimacies. Decide what your limits will be and write them down. Remember that as you store up your treasures of physical intimacy before marriageâ€”every sacrifice that you make to stay pure becomes a jewel for you to share with each other in marriage. At that timeâ€”you will be able to delight in the beauty of giving yourselves to each other completely and totally. And your pleasure in marriage will be magnified by your time of waiting. To kiss or not to kiss: Are you going to allow for kissing or not? Kissing is NOT a sin. It is not bad. It does not mean that a couple is less virtuous in courting if they allow for kissing. It is a decision you make as you set your guidelines. So think through the reasons why you would choose to allow for it or not! Saving that first kiss: Many couples decide to leave kissing out of their relationshipâ€”as kissing has the power to ignite their passions. They choose to wait until the altar for their first kiss. They also might be coming out of past relationshipsâ€”where they are struggling to keep control over their passions. There are a variety of reasons why some couples choose this path. Some couples allow for kissingâ€”but they limit how and when and whereâ€”which is wise if they want to keep it from stirring those passions that can be so easily ignited. Are you allowing for huggingâ€”and in what context? Hugging is a completely acceptable and beautiful expression of affection, support and love. However, prolonged huggingâ€”while all alone and at times when you might be feeling weak like late at night â€”can stir passions. How, where and when you spend time alone: During courtship you obviously will want and need to spend time alone together. But how and where are important questions. If you are spending time alone late at night or in complete isolation, you may just find that your resistance to temptation is weakened. Avoid the near occasion of sin. This is not to say that a couple who is courting will only stick to their goal of purity if they are NEVER alone together. But we are all weak at

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times. All it takes is one moment of weakness and be sure Satan will be watching for it for you to make a mistake that you could regret for a lifetime. This is where we get into the whole issue of giving rise to scandal. The problem a couple faces here—even if they are strong enough to resist all temptation—is the impression they are giving to others. In this way you would not be helping to build the body of Christ by your good example. Rather, through the scandal you would have given rise to, you would have inadvertently led others to sin. It is our sense of responsibility in the body of Christ that leads us to make the necessary sacrifices for the sake of others when we decide not to give rise to scandal. We all are more responsible when we are held accountable for our actions. Make a list together of your resolutions and guidelines for your courtship and give that list to some mentoring couples and accountability partners. These could be your parents, other married couples from Church, friends, roommates, family members. Basically you are looking for people you trust and respect to be able to talk with openly about your relationship. They should be able to ask you at any time how you are doing—if you are keeping your resolutions—and you need to be able to answer them honestly. Along with this idea is the need for mentoring couples—ideally that would be your parents, but it is not limited to parents. They should be couples who can advise you on all kinds of issues related to marriage: Time to pray and time to play: But a couple should never neglect to be sure to allow for play time! This season of life should be fun and filled with excitement and adventure. Keep the romance alive: Remember that courtship is a time of romance. Enjoy dynamic, exciting, God-glorifying romance by seeking ways to give of yourselves to each other, to serve each other and to show your love for each other in simple ways. Romance—true romance—is about blessing the other by giving of self. So you see, the two go hand in hand. Couples who engage in an intensely physical relationship often lose out on this very point—because physical pleasure has become the focus of their relationship. By converse, couples who do not distract themselves with physical intimacy have more time on their hands to spend creatively doing romantic things for each other and together—blessing each other with their loving deeds and gestures as often as they can. Be active in your faith community: Courtship is a great time to grow in faith together—and to spend time together in your faith community. In this way your relationship is supported by like-minded people who will become for you that community that celebrates with you in times of joy, consoles you in times of grieving, and that lifts you up you in times of hardship. We cannot live in isolation—we need that community to be there for us, which means, we need to be there for them as well. Be involved, have fun taking in events and activities together, volunteer service time together, and join in prayer groups and Bible studies together. These opportunities to spend time together, in a larger group setting, help you to learn much about each other by seeing how each other deals with a variety of situations and other persons. There is a great deal that can be said about courtship. And each family will establish their own model—sometimes a different model for the varying circumstances of each child. What is import is that you discuss these things in the family and when the time comes in your life for courtship you will be prepared with an excellent game plan! We remember our readers daily in our prayers. I ask that you would remember me, my family and this ministry of promoting purity in your prayers as well.

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In courtship, both the man and woman are aware of the importance of the decision they are making, regarding marriage. They are responsible to be honest and open with each other. They choose to guard carefully emotional and physical intimacy for the sake of the other, protecting themselves each from unnecessary heartache and pain if the.

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Chapter 3 : How may I express intimacy in a chaste manner while dating? - By Anthony Buono

This Islamic courtship may seem to lack the type of intimacy that is commonplace in the dating scene. This is because Islam shuns premarital relations and extols intimacy in marital relations. The Qur'an describes the relationship between a husband and wife through the metaphor of a "garment"; they are a covering for you, and you a.

Throughout the week, think about ways to teach these doctrines and principles. If the following items are available, prepare to use them as part of the lesson: One or more wedding pictures. For example, you could display the picture Young Couple Going to the Temple ; Gospel Art Picture Kit or you could bring pictures from your wedding and ask participants to bring their own wedding pictures. A flower or a picture of a flower. Suggested Lesson Development Husbands and wives need to nurture their love for one another. Comment on the love that husbands and wives feel for each other when they are first married. The mortal body would soon be emaciated and die if there were not frequent feedings. The tender flower would wither and die without food and water. Explain that this lesson is about how husbands and wives can nurture their love for one another so it will continue to grow. Expressions of affection and kindness keep love and friendship alive in marriage. Ask participants who are married to think back to the time when they were newlyweds. Invite them to tell about some things they did for their spouses at that time in their lives. Why are such actions necessary throughout marriage? Explain that a husband and wife must continue to court one another and nurture their friendship throughout their lives. As they do this, they will find that their love for each other grows stronger. Jensen of the Seventy observed: A relationship between a man and a woman that begins with friendship and then ripens into romance and eventually marriage will usually become an enduring, eternal friendship. It is a constant appreciation for each other and a thoughtful demonstration of gratitude. It is the encouraging and the helping of each other to grow. What experiences or examples can you share that show the importance of keeping love growing in these ways? One woman, married for over 35 years, said: I especially love it when he calls me from work in the middle of the day just to ask how my day is going or to share some exciting bit of news. These little things help me feel loved and cherished. Make time to do things together—just the two of you. As important as it is to be with the children as a family, you need regular weekly time alone together. Scheduling it will let your children know that you feel that your marriage is so important that you need to nurture it. What can get in the way of husbands and wives taking time to do things together? How can married couples make time to keep their courtship alive? Proper intimacy in marriage is an expression of love. Explain that the proper expression of physical intimacy in marriage is approved by the Lord. It brings great blessings to a married couple, helping them unify their souls and strengthen their love for each other. Consider sharing some or all of the following statements: Scott of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles explained the purposes of physical intimacy in marriage: One purpose of this private, sacred, intimate experience is to provide the physical bodies for the spirits Father in Heaven wants to experience mortality. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught: Its use was mandated in the first commandment [given to Adam and Eve], but another important commandment was given to forbid its misuse. Holland of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles taught: From the Garden of Eden onward, marriage was intended to mean the complete merger of a man and a woman—their hearts, hopes, lives, love, family, future, everything. This is a union of such completeness that we use the word seal to convey its eternal promise. Hunter, the 14th President of the Church, counseled that even within the relationship of marriage, the sacred procreative powers must not be misused: Hinckley, the 15th President of the Church: That sums it up. That is the way to happiness in living. That is the way to satisfaction. Emphasize that husbands and wives should be careful not to do anything that even approaches infidelity. For example, they must always maintain appropriate emotional and physical boundaries between themselves and coworkers of the opposite sex. Why is complete fidelity in a marriage relationship vitally important? How is viewing unwholesome or pornographic material a betrayal of trust in a marriage? In what ways does flirting with a member of the opposite sex harm a marriage? Share one or both of

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the following statements: A good question to ask ourselves is this: Would my spouse be pleased if he or she knew I was doing this? Would a wife be pleased to know that her husband lunches alone with his secretary? Would a husband be pleased if he saw his wife flirting and being coy with another man? My beloved brothers and sisters, this is what Paul meant when he said: Married couples should strive to have charity, the pure love of Christ. What do these passages teach about how husbands and wives should treat one another? It is not like that association of the world which is misnamed love, but which is mostly physical attraction. When marriage is based on this only, the parties soon tire of one another. It is faith and confidence in, and understanding of, one another. It is a total partnership. It is companionship with common ideals and standards. It is unselfishness toward and sacrifice for one another. It is cleanliness of thought and action and faith in God and his program. It is parenthood in mortality ever looking toward godhood and creationship, and parenthood of spirits. It is vast, all-inclusive, and limitless. This kind of love never tires or wanes. Explain that the love President Kimball spoke of is charity, the pure love of Christ. Ask participants to identify characteristics of charity as they read. Write these characteristics on the chalkboard as shown below:

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Chapter 4 : An Arranged Marriage The Intimacy of an Islamic Courtship – Muslim Writers Guild of America

The 25 Stages from Courtship to Marriage A charming set of twenty-five hand-tinted stereographs showing the various stages from courting to marriage - focused mainly on a rumbled midnight tryst on the third date and the wedding itself which takes place in a rather luxuriant tropical setting.

Courtship allows your children to practice in a limited way the roles and virtues necessary in marriage. Marriage permits them to practice the roles and virtues necessary in eternal life. Proper courtship is the phase during which your children will decide whether or not to marry a specific person. It should not begin before your children have nearly reached maturity. This is one reason why the Church counsels youth to date only after age sixteen. He must decide what his trade or profession will be, and if and when he chooses a wife, how he will support her and the children. In proper courtship the partners must recognize that their first responsibilities are to encourage each other in righteous behavior and to sustain and support each other in righteous desires and ambitions. Each partner will unselfishly seek the best for the other while they learn to know each other well. The unmarried couple can talk together without being required to agree, inviting free discussion from both sides. Each partner is free to express his or her full personality and to discover the personality of the other. If youth understand that they are children of God and are secure in their self-esteem, they are prepared to enter into lawful intimate relationships when married. Without this understanding, courtship can be empty because the young people may be insecure, indifferent, or distrustful of their partner and may be selfish and self-indulgent in personal judgments. If young people court one another without being sexually involved, they can more objectively determine whether they should proceed further or whether they should part and seek other more compatible companions. Tragically, courtship is often misused today by those who either live together for sexual privileges or by those who court hastily and marry foolishly. When couples respect each other enough to practice virtue in every aspect of their courtship, they lay a foundation likely to withstand the most serious assaults during marriage. Ideally, courtship leads to a wedding in the temple. The reception following should be moderate and dignified. Marriage is another phase of personal development, but it is a shared experience. Marriage permits young people to practice roles and virtues that are necessary for eternal life. President Lorenzo Snow related the blessings that can come from such a marriage: They are promised that they shall have the power and the right to govern and control and administer salvation and exaltation and glory to their offspring worlds without end. And what offspring they do not have here, undoubtedly there will be opportunities to have them hereafter. What else could man wish? A man and a woman in the other life, having celestial bodies, free from sickness and disease, glorified and beautified beyond description, standing in the midst of their posterity, governing and controlling them, administering life, exaltation and glory, worlds without end! The challenges and rewards of marriage come as two people learn to be one. It is no easy task for two previously separate individuals to learn what is needed to become physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually one while retaining healthy self-esteem. Becoming as one requires the best effort from both spouses. But since their goal is eternal life, all the effort is worthwhile. The following ideas should help you teach your children the true principles of courtship and marriage. This is a time when talk and testimony must combine with example as effective teaching methods. Prepare Your Children for the Physical Intimacies of Marriage By the time people court and marry, most of their physical growth has already occurred. The quality of hygiene, grooming, nutrition, and exercise of previous years will largely determine the physical well-being of the couple and should be carefully evaluated during courtship. Courting couples need to be discreet about what they discuss together because certain information is appropriately shared only within marriage. Besides, there is so great a need for consideration of matters other than physical functions such as finances, religion, child rearing methods, friendships, relatives, career plans, and living arrangements, not to mention planning the wedding itself that undue attention to sexual information can actually create problems. The whole point of virtuous courtship is to maintain spirituality while learning about each other as

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persons and putting temporal and mundane matters into proper perspective. If the two people take care separately to inform themselves of the body and all its parts and functions and practice basic, virtuous courtesies together during courtship, their sexual adjustment after marriage will likely be all that they want it to be. In fact by giving proper attention to social, emotional, and spiritual matters, the couple will create in courtship a foundation upon which deeply pleasing intimacies are built after marriage. He has ordained that all married couples should participate in the union that makes them one flesh see Genesis 2: Once the couple is married, sexual expression is ordained of God. President Kimball has explained: In the context of lawful marriage, the intimacy of sexual relations is right and divinely approved. Kimball [Salt Lake City: The courtesy and friendship the couple have shown during courtship are vital on their wedding night. The first night requires nearly perfect courtesy, consideration, and, in many cases, a gentle sense of good humor. They must be the very best of friends on this first occasion when they are able to begin to know one another completely. They may be ill at ease, even awkward, and would do well to smile at their awkwardness. Each must remember that the other person is vulnerable to embarrassment. And, they must realize that the greatest passions of marriage lie ahead, to increase over the years through experience and growth. A truth not generally known to newly married couples is that in virtuous marriages passions increase over the years between the couple. Couples can find great joy through fidelity, childbirth, rearing and teaching their children, providing a home, and striving to live gospel truths. The marriage covenant does not give the man the right to enslave her, or to abuse her, or to use her merely for the gratification of his passion. Your marriage ceremony does not give you that right. Chastity is the crown of beautiful womanhood, and self-control is the source of true manhood, if you will know it, not indulgence. Sexual indulgence whets the passion and creates morbid desire. After the first thrill of the honeymoon is worn off, couples begin to see frailties, idiosyncrasies which they had not noticed before. Responsibilities of motherhood come to the woman. Difficulties in paying debts come. And so we become prone to find fault. It is not a time for sexual excess. It is not a fling of worldly diversions that is scheduled between the temple wedding ceremony and a return to serious living. For Latter-day Saints, the honeymoon and early weeks of marriage are a time for private discovery on all levels: In sexual matters, as in all other aspects of marriage, there are virtues to be observed: That is all, and all the family life should be kept clean and worthy and on a very high plane. There are some people who have said that behind the bedroom doors anything goes. Both husbands and wives have physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual needs associated with this sacred act. They will be able to complement each other in the marriage relationship if they give tender, considerate attention to these needs of their partner. Couples will discover differences in the needs or desires each partner has for such a relationship, but when each strives to satisfy the needs of the other, these differences need not present a serious problem. Remember, this intimate relationship between husband and wife was established to bring joy to them. An effort to reach this righteous objective will enable married couples to use their complementary natures to bring joy to this union. The intimate relationship between husband and wife realizes its greatest value when it is based on loving kindness and tenderness between the marriage partners. This fact, supported by valid research data, helps newly married couples recognize that the so-called sex drive is mostly myth. Sexual intimacy is not an involuntary, strictly biological necessity for survival, like breathing and eating. Sexual intimacy between a husband and wife can be delayed or even suspended for long periods of time with no negative effect for example, when the health of one or the other requires it. Husbands and wives are not compelled to mate because their genes or hormones order them to do so. Sexual powers are voluntary and controllable; the heart and mind do rule. While sex drive is a myth, husbands and wives do have physical and emotional needs that are fulfilled through sexual union. There are times within the marriage when complete abstinence is appropriate for extended periods of time, such as during ill health, difficult pregnancy, separation due to employment away from home, or a need to restore respect and mutually decent emotional and spiritual relationships. Throughout the marriage, the husband is expected, in the name of simple decency, to understand and sustain his wife as she literally gives her body to create life. Although no significant physical changes are likely for men after marriage, bearing children evokes

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very significant changes for women. These changes are so profound and complex that each couple should seek reliable medical information about them. Ideally, both will study this information before and then again during pregnancy. This study should provoke within pure hearts gratitude for the human body and its godlike parts. The objective is to increase virtue, not carnality. The health of the fetus is directly affected by the health of the mother and father. Parents whose systems are free of harmful substances are far less likely to bear children with birth defects. These harmful substances include illicit drugs, such as LSD, marijuana, and cocaine, as well as alcohol, tobacco, and even some prescription medications. The prophets who have warned against polluting the fountains of life were speaking for the Creator in warning us that there are diseases, substances, and practices that can harm the child within the womb. A healthy mother is an advantage to a developing fetus. Fundamental hygiene is important, including regular bathing and clean, fresh clothing. The mother should eat healthy foods and liquids during and long before pregnancy so that the baby will receive good nourishment through the umbilical connection between the placenta and the uterus. She should exercise to maintain proper blood circulation and healthy respiration. We would do well to ever remind ourselves of our first mortal parents. Instructing them, Heavenly Father commanded them to give attention to the whole range of their powers and passions. They were to subdue the earth, create and nurture posterity, become one flesh physically, cleave unto each other socially and emotionally, and learn to serve the purposes of God. They, as we, were endowed with bodies, parts, and passions after the image of the Creator. This implies that as we, the children of God, develop virtuously within marriage we will discover ever more profound enjoyments of all his creations, including our own emotions, bodies, and spiritual capacities. Teach Children What to Look for in Potential Companions Courtship is a time to discover if partners are socially and emotionally matched for an eternal relationship. Selfish, unkind habits may be hidden temporarily but inevitably will break through. Unselfishness, respect, generosity, and kindness may waver under the tension of courtship or the stresses of marriage but will also inevitably break through and dominate.

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Chapter 5 : Invitations and Boundaries: Patterns of Religious Participation - Chicago Scholarship

Marriage itself makes people healthier; receiving support from a spouse improves ones health and lifespan by reducing anxiety and preventing or lessening depression Marital Burnout The gradual deterioration of love and ultimate loss of an emotional attachment between partners.

Burg Natal Dear mtakwetu ukuqala kwami indaba ngibuza impilo yako mina kangipilile ngenxa yako ngoba kawuvumi ukuza lapa kimi ngitanda ukuba usheshe uze ngokuba ngamibikela uFalaza ngizwa ukuti ngoPasiwe ukuti ubaba watuma uMngutu ukuti keze kini poke ngitanda ukuba uze ungakafiki nje kini esheshe uze lapha kungaze kube kukhulu isisu akusezi kulunga ukuba ulala kulale umti kuleli [unclear] kuhle usheshe uze kona manje Kade ngigula kakhulu umkhuhlane. Kwaze kwapela amasonto amabili ngigula ngizibuza ukuti uKatilina kakaqomi yini wo wo wo kuhle uze wena lapa ngokuhlangabeza esteshini Ngitanda ukuba uze lapa Kiss Kiss Kiss Kiss Kiss Kiss My dear P. Come to me immediately before the tummy gets too big in order that [unclear] you have to hurry here now. Before, I was very ill with the flu. I want you to come here. Ndaba Social "degeneration" and the Tradability of Sex Along with a view that Christianity and modernity brought positive changes to African courting practices came an acknowledgment of the negative effects of modernisation. Central to this was how sex was becoming progressively commodified due to the corrosive effect of industrialization and urbanization. The figure of the African women prostitute in urban areas epitomized this view of social breakdown and had particular resonance among prominent men in both colonial and African society. In these cases, men defended themselves by arguing that the people who they had allegedly raped had accepted money in exchange for sex; the fact that this defence could be made suggests that such exchanges could occur. Around the turn of the century colonial officials expressed horror at such payments which went by a number of names, including umnyobo. To some colonial officials, these seemed to suggest that men and chiefs were trading the sexual soma, thigh sex services of their daughters "something of an extension of the common view that ilobolo represented simply the sale of women. To see such monetary payments as simply buying sexual services, as colonial officials sometimes did, is to strip them of their meaning as signs of public commitment that, in fact, could limit sexual behaviour. Elderly informants I interviewed often spoke with great pride about how groups of older girls, or amaqhikiza, were the most important institution in guiding and controlling the chaste behaviour of young women; indeed, the amaqhikiza are arguably the most powerful symbol of past control over Zulu women. In The Social System of the Zulus, Eileen Krige also discusses these young women as acting in a supervisory role. The existence but apparent decline of amaqhikiza, and the monetization of umnyobo, have both typically been interpreted as evidence of social degeneration in African society. Yet they can both be seen as the opposite: A first point is that there is evidence of the presence of passionate choice in early Zulu society; if kin played a dominant role in determining who married, young people also had considerable autonomy. A second is that I see notions of both sex as always having been tradable or as been progressively commodified as problematic. For young unmarried women, sex could not, on the whole, be exchanged without being deemed immoral. Related, "traditions" such as amaqhikiza, seen to be eroded by the impact of modernity, may well have been one of its products. A more complex picture of 19th and early 20th century sexuality, crucial to an understanding of the Aids pandemic today, must recognize the ambiguous impact of modernity on society and the simultaneous making and unmaking of sexual traditions. References Atkins, Keletso E. The moon is dead! Give us our money! Gender, sexuality, and identity among the Chinese Thai Diaspora. University of Hawaii Press. Women and marriage in Kpelle Society. The Journal of Economic History Zulu Marriage Customs and Ceremonies. Love Letters and Amanuenses: Journal of Southern African Studies A Zulu-English Dictionary with notes on pronunciation. The Zulu People, as they were before the white man came. Women "entrepreneurs" of early Nairobi. Canadian Journal of African Studies. Population and Development Review Blood from your children: University Press of Virginia. Law, custom and social order: Comaroff, Jean, and

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Chapter 6 : Courtship Now: About Courtship

Explain how culture and intimacy are related- that is how culture and cultural displays influence the idea of intimacy. Make sure you define what intimacy is within your answer. Intimacy is defined as an emotionally charged relationship in which the participants are closely connected.

As we trace the timeline of dating rituals, we can get a better sense of how Americans throughout time understood love and, by extension, the world. With the advent of new technologies cell phones, social media, Tinder, etc. It is important to note that historically many of these mainstream rituals were strictly confined to heterosexual dating. Dating did not yet exist in the modern sense; society instead favored a courtship model which almost entirely consisted of one long, parentally-controlled audition for marriage. Marriage during this time was less a public declaration of mutual affection and more an essential means of legally exchanging property between families. Courtship was the ritual that would allow the families to evaluate potential matches and determine if the arrangement would be advantageous. Reputation was also an essential form of social currency that required intimate guarding. Rather, love was regarded as the product of a constructed arrangement, eventually achieved by couples with aligned resources and values. This tradition of parental oversight was legitimized by the law, which held that guardians were permitted and expected to organize the transition of their child into a legal marriage. By the early 19th century, romance had rapidly become the desired method of courtship. Art and philosophy began to reflect a new world view in which love was prescribed as the ideal foundation for a marriage, even taking precedent over considerations of property. This new romantic character of courtship plainly took form in the forsaking of traditional highly formalized love letters in favor of letters with a more endearing and poetic tone. But despite this move towards emotionally based relationships, the compatibility of matches was still strongly emphasized. During the courtship process, it was typical for the intended couples to divulge their perceived character flaws to ensure that a long-term commitment would be logical and feasible. Additionally, the many legal and social barriers surrounding divorce increased the pressure to ensure that a match was suitable. Separation was often only granted on grounds of bigamy, impotence, or adultery. Women especially were impeded by the law, which still did not acknowledge them as capable of claiming possession of property or monetary assets. Due to this connection with the lower class, the practice was initially mistrusted by parents, but dating quickly replaced calling as the favored model of romance. In this system, dating and marriage were viewed as two very separate entities, with marriage marking the graduation from youth into adulthood. No longer was quantity emphasized, but rather the stress fell on finding a loyal partner. This change was partially catalyzed by the scarcity of young males in the United States, as nearly all able-bodied men between 18 and 26 were engaged in the war effort across seas. Marriage also experienced a revival and was subsequently reabsorbed into youth culture: Marriage rates rose and average ages of married couples declined. Men in the relationship would make their arrangement visible to outsiders by gifting his date a letterman jacket or a class ring, and the girl expected to be called and taken out on dates a certain number of times each week. Consequently, a new concern arose for parents: This, combined with the increasing availability of birth control, led to a relaxation in attitudes toward premarital sex. Birth control gave women power over their fertility for the first time, empowering female sexuality due to liberation from the constant risk of unwanted pregnancy. For instance, there was a rebellion against collegiate gender segregation in the s resulted in the advent of unisex dormitories, allowing young men and women more unmediated access to one another. Beginning in the s, dating websites revolutionized the process in unprecedented ways, removing logistical boundaries of geography and time commitments. Fundamentally, the system subverted the traditional approach to romance. Dating in the past was based on initial impression, an assessment made upon first interaction with an individual that determined whether your relationship would continue and what form it would take. In this customary method, information about the individual was learned slowly as the interactions progressed. Online dating presented this exchange in reverse, with the facts offered

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immediately and the decision to have an in-person interaction coming after. The dating website presented suggestions for romantic partners based on similarities in the data each person provided, the compatibility of which was computed mathematically. Although apps such as Tinder have renewed emphasis on geographical closeness, the swipe-based approach has perhaps removed both the assessment of chemistry in initial reactions and the immediate access to personal information. Although this might seem suspiciously superficial, some researchers suggest that the decision to accept or reject goes beyond mere physical attraction, claiming that users are actually picking up thousands of nonverbal signals contained within each profile that indicate compatibility. Courtship and Marriage in Early America. A History of the Date. A Decade of Change for Women.

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Courtship Is the First Step Toward Marriage Do not enter into courtship until you are at a stage in life when marriage is a realistic possibility. Understand the importance of the decision you are making regarding marriage, and establish commitments about your relationships prior to entering a courtship.

How may I express intimacy in a chaste manner while dating? Can you expand on what is appropriate in a dating relationship for encouraging romance, affection, and intimacy in a chaste and holy manner, especially for those in their 40s? The same rules pretty much apply to older singles that apply to younger ones. Dating is a process, and within the process are expectations. The first expectation is that both persons are positively open to finding their future spouse and they are spending time with each other specifically because they want to determine if the other might be that person for their future marriage. The second expectation is that both persons are serious about staying close to God and having a chaste dating experience. That means both persons are interested in making sure the relationship develops without having sexually related things happen that are reserved only for marriage. What are those things? Obviously, intercourse is the big one. But also any physical actions that would stimulate or cause arousal. For example, kissing on the lips for a few seconds can be a nice sign of affection and does not typically stimulate or arouse. But a "French kiss" a kiss with the tongue or prolonged kissing on the lips along with pressing the other against you will naturally stimulate and arouse. So the rule of thumb is to avoid anything physical that can stimulate and arouse you or the other person to desire something more sexually. However, as fallen human nature will have it, people fail in this area and they either try to get the other to do more than they should, or both concede to do more. Scrupulosity would cause one or both persons to see these failures as a sign that the other person is no good for them and to end the relationship. Just something to think about. The heroic goal, however, that all good people of faith should strive for is that they never give up the gift they have to give their spouse on their wedding night, which is their body, given to the other in sexual intimacy that bonds the two in marriage and is open to children. For older single persons who might not be able to have children, this purpose is still the same. Sexual union is meant to bond the two in mutual love and to be open to life. That openness to life might not come from natural children, but their love will desire to reach out to the children of others and touch their lives. You asked about romance, friendship, and intimacy. All of these things can be expressed chastely before marriage. And what we are really saying is that to be chaste is to not allow those things to happen that pertain to the bodies of each other that only a husband and wife have the "rights" to give each other in marriage. In marriage, a woman gives one man "rights" to her body for a lifetime, and the man does the same for that one woman. It is an exchange of rights to their bodies for those purposes in marriage. Romance and friendship build intimacy. They can also build sexual desire. Once sexual desire is aroused, that is when new things have to be addressed, including preserving chastity and determining marriage. Romancing during dating is simply the process of making the other feel special and uniquely loved. Some people overdo it with what romance is and what they expect romance to be during the dating process. It does not have to be expensive dates and unusual or exotic places to spend time, or love songs or poems written, etc. But whatever it is that can be done to make the other person feel special or make them smile is romance. Nothing is wrong with any of that in dating. Building the friendship is much more important than romance. Friends do still hurt each other, we must not forget. But friends are always "there" for you. They can be counted on. They do not come and go based on moods or feelings. They can be trusted to be your friend, even when you might not be that good of a friend. When you marry someone, you almost want it to be more important to hear "I trust you" than "I love you". This is why I strongly believe that a man and a woman cannot be "close friends" without there being romantic developments. Friendship that grows leads to intimacy. Friendship is powerful, and it is so special. Men need other close male friends, and women need other close female friends. Those friendships have an intimacy that is important for their well-being. Same-sex friendships are critical. But opposite-sex friendships have to be

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very careful. So what I really want to advise you here about friendship during the dating process is 1 encourage each other to have same-sex friends and spend time with them, and 2 be very careful about how you both handle opposite-sex friends. So many terrible things happen to ruin good relationships based on these two things alone. Having same-sex friends is so important, even in marriage. A man needs to have his time out with other male friends and so does a woman need her time with her girl friends. It makes the marriage much healthier. Sometimes you see a person give up their friends because they want to spend ALL their time with the person they are dating. That is not good, nor healthy, and it is a sign that there might be other problems. And sometimes a person gets jealous of a friend that the person he or she is dating has. For example, a woman who gets defensive or insecure about a woman her boyfriend is very close to and the way they interact. That boyfriend would do well to understand he has to be mindful of how his opposite-sex friendships can affect a dating relationship. But it is also dangerous to get "too close" to someone of the opposite sex when you are serious with someone else, or engaged, or married. What people need to realize is that "intimacy" does not mean "sex" or intercourse. Physical, genital expression is a kind of intimacy that is reserved for a man and a woman who are married. It is a fulfillment of something begun in their relationship that is now able to be fully expressed in their marriage. But it is one kind of intimacy. There are other kinds of intimacy. Romance and friendship help develop intimacy. Intimacy affects the whole person. It is emotional, psychological, physiological, and spiritual. People who are dating have to develop intimacy. But they must never allow their intimacy to get expressed sexually. There can be signs of affection, but they cannot go too far, for the intimacy that is reserved for a man and a woman in marriage is too sacred to be abused. The dating process is time of mystery that builds up toward a great unveiling. Marriage is a lifetime of unveiling. You also want to be careful about your dating time going on too long. For older singles, there should not be the need of as much time dating as younger people might have to do. Most older people know who they are, what they have, and what they want. They should have a maturity level that can allow for a reasonable amount of dating before entering exclusivity courtship , and then shortly after that, engagement to be married. If you are able to see each other for several days at a time at least a couple of times per month, you should both know if you want to be exclusive within three months or so. After another three months or so of exclusivity, which is a time period used to determine a reason why you both should NOT get married, there should be engagement. Then, of course, marriage should take place six months or so after that. This timeline depends on spending your time together and apart wisely. What is a "wise" use of this time of dating and courtship? That is the time to get engaged to be married. Be careful of men that prolong dating and will not go exclusive. You need to see a man making "commitment moves" all along the way. These commitment moves will be a sign to you that this man is serious about the process of finding a wife. If he is already not interested in seeing other women, then, in a way, you are already exclusive. But the courtship period should be accepted by both "officially". You will want to hear him say that he is not open to any other women during this time of discovering a reason why you should not get married. So to go into courtship means that marriage should already have been talked about. There is no need to get obsessive about how all these things will play out. All I am doing is giving food for thought. Things should and will happen quite naturally. What I want to make sure you avoid is investing too much time in a relationship that goes nowhere. In other words, you should not be just "dating" after six months. Otherwise, you not only may be wasting your time, you might invest your heart to the point of really getting hurt unnecessarily. That brings me to the word "love. A man will use the word "love" much more quickly and loosely than will a woman. Saying "I love you" too early can cause confusion as you go along. So be careful of this. There is so much more I could share with you, but I think this should suffice for now to help you along.

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Thus, in courtship, commitment precedes intimacy. Focus on God's Kingdom Since one of the most important decisions we will make is the decision of marriage, we should make every effort to know and do God's will in this area.

Young people are bombarded by images of impure and sinful relationships. The notion of chastity would seem to some to be one that is outdated. But virtues do not lose their value, even if they do go out of style in some cultures. Chastity forms us to love our neighbour as Christ loved us – purely, selflessly. Pursuing physical intimacy outside of marriage is done for self-gratifying reasons. The opposite of love is not hate, it is selfishness. We must examine our understanding of love, as Christ modelled it for us, and live it out accordingly. Chastity is the way to put love into practice in our relationships both before marriage and after marriage. And courtship provides the framework for living out chastity. This is a completely false notion and it often leads to the question that young people dating ask: Purity is not a line – it is a direction. The end goal of purity is none other than to see the face of God. In short, reserve your affection and guard physical intimacy so that you are not igniting passions that are intended to be reserved for marriage. If you value marriage and chastity, then do yourself a favour and avoid anything that would derail you from living out that value. Save yourself in all ways for marriage so that you can someday reap the manifold blessings of a truly holy and passionate marriage. It is human nature for us to strive harder to achieve a goal when we know someone will be checking up on our progress. If we have to answer to someone else, we tend to be more focussed. In a courtship relationship a couple turns to their parents, when at all possible, to be their mentors. Sometimes this is not achievable, due to distance from home or perhaps strained relationships. In that case a couple should seek out at least one mentoring couple who they trust. Some people choose to have a few mentoring couples – including their parents. There are many exciting new emotions that come into play when a couple enters a courting relationship, but there are also many challenges. A good mentoring couple will guide the younger couple, helping to keep them on track while sharing with them the joys and struggles that they face. When a couple courts they are saying that they are exploring marriage as a possibility for themselves. It is an exclusive relationship, in that one chooses to enter into courtship with only one person at a time. If a couple discerns that marriage is not their calling, they end the courtship relationship. If they discern a call to marriage, they continue to grow in preparation for that wonderful vocation. The stakes are high in a courtship because a couple is exploring marriage from the very outset of their romantic relationship, but it is also makes them more honest. There are no mind games – trying to figure out if the other person is serious or just playing with your emotions. Therefore, you should not enter into a courtship until you are of an age and stage in life when marriage is a realistic possibility for you. There is a sense of identity there. Yet that is a false identity, founded on a false sense of security and rooted in insecurity in your own worth as a person. Your value as a person comes from your dignity as a child of God! A distinction between dating and courtship is this: The reason this happens is because dating does not imply responsibility for the other person. The problem arises when emotional commitment and often physical intimacy leads a couple who are dating to consider marriage and even pursue it, only later to decide that it was the wrong decision. In courtship, both the man and woman are aware of the importance of the decision they are making, regarding marriage. They are responsible to be honest and open with each other. They choose to guard carefully emotional and physical intimacy for the sake of the other, protecting themselves each from unnecessary heartache and pain if the relationship does in fact break off. If the relationship continues to lead toward marriage they will also discover the great joy of being faithful and self-sacrificing to one another. And the wait will only make the expression of physical intimacy that much more exciting and wonderful. As much as possible, a courtship should take place in the heart of the home. The family plays a critical role in helping a young man or woman to identify things in a potential partner that are important to know before deciding to get married. Family will continue to play a critical role in your married relationship, and the support of family throughout the years is an

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indispensable gift for a marriage. Get involved in family functions. Go to each others homes and do things with parents and siblings. Make the effort, even if family lives far away, for your potential future spouse and your family to get to know each other. It will often increase the respect that your parents have for you and that you have for your parents. Involvement with family is also an ideal way to spend time together without the temptation to compromise your decision to reserve physical intimacy! Do a Variety of Activities Together: Discovering each others strengths and weaknesses is easiest when doing many things together. And all that time spent alone serves as a temptation to experiment with physical intimacy. There is no reason to be all alone in isolation. Get out there and have fun. Get involved with like-minded friends and enjoy group activities. When taking time to be alone, guard that time is spent wisely. Go out for dinner. Whatever you do " stay visible. Dangers for couples come when they feel invisible. If no one can see us, then no one will know that we are not upholding an honourable relationship. Furthermore, you can fool many people, even yourselves. But you can not fool God, who sees all. Regrets over failures are harder to live with than the satisfaction of knowing that you did not fall into sin. Get Involved in Ministry Together: This is a wonderful way for a young couple to grow together in their faith and to share those convictions that will help them grow together as a couple. Doing the work of the Lord together will have many blessings for a couple while courting and after they are married. And be sure to go to the "Links"page I have set up on this website. There is much information out there that will help support you in your pursuit of holy, honourable Christian courtship!

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Duration[edit] The average duration of courtship varies considerably throughout the world. Furthermore, there is vast individual variation between couples. Courtship may be completely omitted, as in cases of some arranged marriages where the couple do not meet before the wedding. In the United Kingdom , a poll of 3, [1] engaged or married couples resulted in an average duration between first meeting and accepted proposal of marriage of 2 years and 11 months, [1] [2] with the women feeling ready to accept at an average of 2 years and 7 months. The date is fairly casual in most European-influenced cultures, but in some traditional societies, courtship is a highly structured activity, with very specific formal rules. In some societies, the parents or community propose potential partners and then allow limited dating to determine whether the parties are suited. Courtship in the Philippines is one known complex form of courtship. Unlike what is regularly seen in other societies, it takes a far more subdued and indirect approach. It is common to see the male showing off by sending love letters and love poems, singing romantic songs, and buying gifts for the female. The parents are also seen as part of the courtship practice, as their approval is commonly needed before courtship may begin or before the female gives the male an answer to his advances. Forbidding experimental and serial courtship and sanctioning only arranged matches is partly a means of guarding the chastity of young people and partly a matter of furthering family interests, which, in such cultures, may be considered more important than individual romantic preferences. Throughout history, courtship has often included traditions such as exchanging valentines , written correspondence which was facilitated by the creation of the postal service in the nineteenth century , and similar communication-based courting. Dating In the earlier s, young adults were expected to court with the intention of finding a marriage partner, rather than for social reasons. In more traditional forms of Christianity, this concept of courtship has been retained, with John Piper defining courtship and distinguishing this concept from dating, stating that: Courtship always has marriage as its direct goal Dating, a more modern approach, begins when either the man or the woman initiates a more-than-friends relationship with the other, and then they conduct that relationship outside of any oversight or authority. Dating may or may not have marriage as its goal. However, by the Jazz Age of the s, dating for fun was becoming a cultural expectation, and by the s, it was assumed that any popular young person would have lots of dates. This form of dating, though, was usually more chaste than is seen today, since premarital sex was not considered the norm. Courtship in social theory[edit] Courtship is used by a number of theorists to explain gendering processes and sexual identity. Scientific research into courtship began in the s after which time academic researchers started to generate theories about modern dating practices and norms. Both Moore and Perper found that, contrary to popular beliefs, courtship is normally triggered and controlled by women, [8] [9] driven mainly by non-verbal behaviours to which men respond. This is generally supported by other theorists who specialise in the study of body language. Courtship in Australia[edit] Courtship in Australia is generally reserved to those with religious affiliation. Modern western culture has taken over, leading to more and more people committing to partnerships through dating. Before entering marriage, a lot of Australian couples like to live with each other to get an idea of what married life would be like. This would not happen in a courtship as both people vow to chastity and often like to keep a chaperone around. In a Time-line by Metro, a statistic match-making business opened in , the first reality TV dating show was developed in and by the s the public was introduced to video dating. The process of elimination was significant because now the viewer was able hear their voice, see their face and watch their body language to determine a physical attraction to the candidates. In online dating , individuals create profiles where they disclose personal information, photographs, hobbies, interests, religion and expectations. Then the user can search through hundreds of thousands of accounts and connect with multiple people at once which in return, gives the user more options

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and more opportunity to find what meets their standards. Online dating has influenced the idea of choice. An Investigation , Aziz Ansari states that one third of marriages in the United States between met through online dating services. Mobile apps, such as Grindr and Tinder allow users to upload profiles that are then judged by others on the service; one can either swipe right on a profile indicating interest or swipe left which presents another possible mate. Mating , Mating system , and Courtship display Many animal species have mate-selection rituals also referred to as "courtship" anthropomorphically. Animal courtship may involve complicated dances or touching, vocalizations, or displays of beauty or fighting prowess. Most animal courtship occurs out of sight of humans and so it is often the least documented of animal behaviors. One animal whose courtship rituals are well studied is the bower bird whose male builds a "bower" of collected objects. From the scientific point of view, courtship in the animal kingdom is the process in which the different species select their partners for reproduction purposes. Generally speaking, the male initiates the courtship and the female chooses to either mate or reject the male based on his "performance". Courtship of green turtles All animals have different courtship rituals that reflect fitness, compatibility with others and ability to provide. Sea turtles court during a limited receptive time. During the courtship males will either nuzzle the females head to show affection or by gently biting the back of her neck. Courting can be competitive among males. The male that has better endurance will win the female. To a female, endurance is a great trait to be passed on to their offspring, the higher the endurance in the male the higher the endurance will be in her offspring and the more likely they will be to survive. Hippopotamus[edit] Hippopotamus are commonly misconceived as being aggressive animals, when in actuality the mothers are very nurturing and sensitive. This because it gives them privacy when conceiving and it helps conserve energy during birth. The female hippo normally averages around 5â€”6 years while males are average an age of Once the male finds the female he wants to mate with, he begins provoking the female. He then will push the female into the water and mounts her. In order to alert the herd or other animals that may be lurking around the male will let a loud wheezing sound. Although hippopotamus can mate anytime of the year, the mating season ranges from February to August. Because the energy cost is high, the female generally only has one offspring in a two years span. Drones assemble in a bulb of warm air close or far from the apiary. They are alert when the queen has flown out of the hive and will follow her route. This is followed by a sort of fast hum or buzz in the general bee population that follows an upward temperature gradient. The next male honey bee will remove the endophallus that was previously left by the other male honey bee and will eventually ejaculate and lose his own. Most of the drones die quickly immediately after mating, and their abdomen rips open since the endophallus has been removed. They only attend one mating flight and queen stores up to million sperm within her oviducts during this flight, but only five to six million are stored in the spermatheca of the queen. New queen generations will mate and produce their colonies if the queen runs out of sperm in her lifetime. The sex of the offspring is controlled by the honey bee queens as the eggs passing through the oviduct can be determined whether they are fertilized or not by the queen. Female workers can lay infertile eggs but do not mate. The infertile eggs become male honey bees. The eggs of the queen are laid in oval-shaped structural cells that usually stick to the nest ceiling. Royal jelly is then filled with these cells to prevent larvae from falling. The future queens are given royal jelly throughout the entire larval period. Each member colony development depends on caste. For proper growth from eggs to adult, the male honey bees need 24 days, 21 for workers and only 16 for the queens.