

## Dating

1. Why does a person go on dates? Sometimes it is just to have fun. As we mature and grow older it is to learn about someone of the opposite sex; to understand them and develop yourself (socialization, caring, etc.); to prepare for “going steady”, “engagement”, and marriage.
2. When am I “in love”? Be careful about “love at first sight”. Our love must be biblical love – sacrificial and serving (Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 4:7-8).
3. We do not go on dates to “fool around” – to get what you want (1 Cor. 6:18; Gal. 5:19; Heb. 13:4).
4. You are going to marry the person you date; be patient and take your time; don’t be pushed into dating (fear, popularity, etc.) date and marry a Christian; someone to be joined to for life; someone to raise children with in a proper hom (Mt. 19:6; 1 Cor. 15:33; 1 Pet. 3:7).
5. Determine ahead of time not to do anything on a date that us ungodly (alcohol, drugs, bad language, kissing & heavy touching, sex, etc.); avoid uncontrolled emotions and actions; say “no” and mean it; don’t be forsaking the assembling (Eccl. 3:1,5; 12:1; Phil. 4:8; 1 Thess. 4:3; 5:22; 1 Tim. 4:12; 5:22; 2 Tim. 2:22)