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Define Terms:

Date - Meeting a member of the opposite sex at a specific place and time to have fun, and for the purpose of getting to know each other better

Dating - More than one date. (They can be exclusive but they don't have to be.)

Bf \ Gf - A mutually exclusively commitment to date each other.

Courtship - Dating with marriage in mind. (Always exclusive)

Marriage - A legal, lifelong commitment to one person of the opposite sex.
(Permanently exclusive)

The History of Dating:

Dating is a cultural tradition that is less than 200 years in the making.

What does the bible say about dating?

2 Timothy 3:16

Week 1: Most teenagers get hurt by unrealistic expectations.

"Relationships that end in heartache are almost always a result of misplaced, un-met, or unrealistic expectations."

Reality Check #1: Your high school relationship will not last.

"It's temporary until it's permanent."

Be careful how much you put into it.

Be careful how far you plan ahead.

Proverbs 27:1, Hebrews 13:5, Ephesians 2:7, Mark 12:25

Reality Check #2: Your relationship will not be like the movies.

Keep entertainment in the right box.

The “love at first sight” story can be dangerous.

John 15:13

Reality Check #3: Your relationship is not invincible.

Remember you have an enemy.

1 Peter 5:8

Don't gamble with your heart.

Proverbs 4:23

Resist the urge to conform.

Proverbs 23:17

What to expect if you're going to date God's Way:

1. Expect a time of waiting.

“God things come to those that wait.”

Psalm 27:14, Psalm 37:7, Psalm 37:34, Psalm 130:5, Isaiah 40:31, Micah 7:7

2. Expect help from others.

Psalm 119:133, Proverbs 11:14

3. Expect that God will want your heart first.

Psalm 37:4, Matthew 6:33, Matthew 10:37

