

# THE WORLDVIEW SERIES

A DEFENSE FOR AN ACTIVE, ENGAGING  
AND CULTURALLY RELEVANT FAITH

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**“DATING”**

*THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS WORLDVIEW*

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**Introduction to the Text:**

**Acts 17:28**

**Acts 17:28 NKJV**

For in Him we **live** and **move** and have our **being**

**Live** začw zao, dzah'-o; to be given life. To receive life. To be quickened.

**Move** kine÷w kineo, kin-eh'-o; to be stirred or aroused or awakened.

**Being** ejsme÷n esmen, es-men'; existence of personality, our individuality,

**Pastor Jack, what can you say to us about this topic?**

You haven't dated anybody in 34 years... that's right. But the last person I dated became my wife – that's right, I dated my wife before she became my wife!

**And you're going to marry someone you're dating too**

**Genesis 2:18**

And the LORD God said, “*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

### Genesis 2:21-24

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. :22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. :23

And Adam said: “This *is* now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” :24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

## Dating

*From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*

**Dating** is a form of courtship consisting of social activities done by two people with the aim of each assessing the other's suitability as a partner in an intimate relationship or as a spouse. While the term has several meanings, it usually refers to the act of meeting and engaging in some mutually agreed upon social activity in public, together, as a couple.

**Something tells me that Wikipedia needs to be updated**

## OUR BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW AND DATING

*DEVELOPING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW IN A HOSTILE WORLD*

### 1.) Know Who You Are Now

#### Discovering your self-worth

Maybe you've never been told this before but –  
you're worth and value to God is your foundation for living life.

### Genesis 1:26a-27

Then God said, “Let Us make man in **Our image**, according to **Our likeness**... :27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

### 2.) Know What You Are Now

**Male-female attraction is normal** and blessed by God. He made us to be attracted to the opposite sex. But there's also a responsibility and a way that these attractions are to be managed and harnessed.

**1 Corinthians 6:20**

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Warning:

Don't let your relationship move too fast.  
(Things fast get overheated real quick)

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**3.) Know What You Want**

**My Will** (*cloaked in christianese*) **or God's Will**

**Challenging The Dating Concept.**

Is it God's will for your life or what you want for your life?

We must determine tonight if lust or love is the source of our relationship.  
Lust is a sin for many reasons and one being – it is a form of robbery

**Being Single Means Not Having Sex**

*(Christians should be the most sexually active people in marriage)*

Marriage is being rejected. Living together is on the rise. Single parenting is driving increased poverty, and children are paying the price.

**I am very excited about the times that**

we live in. things are so much like they were in the **60's** and **70's**.

The **economy** wasn't the answer. **Materialism** wasn't the answer, **sex** was the answer. ***And it created a massive void – an emptiness***

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**4.) Know What Your Priorities Are**

**If dating someone is your focus, then your emotions,** your heart, your thoughts, your spirituality is going to be greatly damaged. It's a trial by error and it hardens your heart against the real thing.

A self-determined pursuit

vs.

A self-disciplined passion

??? Can Anything Compete With The Media-Pulpit of Hollywood ???

You Need to Make a ~~Hard~~ Choice (*really?*)

Social Extremes are Cultural Indicators.

BTW – Internet Porn & Sexting is All Porniea.

The Bible calls it "Sexual Immorality" and even the Words used are what's defined as Porniea

### Notice These Sins of Choice

These things below are choices that people make regardless of what a culture says – the Bible is our only hope for deliverance...

#### 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, **:10** nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. **:11** And such were some of you. **But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.**

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### 5.) Know What Your Passions Are

**As Christians – it's God first  
and that means what His Word says.**

Next will become that person that God has ordained for you.

Unless You're Having an Arranged Marriage  
(Which is really cool)

Dating Is What's Practiced in the West. – So be careful.

How do you find the love of your life?

#1

**Matthew 6:33-34a**

But **seek** first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. **:34a** Therefore do not worry...

#2

**Ephesians 3:20**

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we **ask or think**, according to the power that works in us,

#3

**Psalms 37:4**

**Delight** yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

#4

**Proverbs 3:5-7**

**Trust** in the LORD with all your heart, And **lean not** on your own understanding; **:6** In all your ways **acknowledge** Him, And He shall direct your paths. **:7** Do not be wise in **your own eyes**; **Fear** the LORD and **depart** from evil.

Women want to be **loved**.

That means thought well of. Honored. Valued. Appreciated.

Men want to be **respected**.

That means thought well of. Honored. Valued. Appreciated.

Remember that respect precedes love. Like Stone upon Stone.

**The answer begins with a question;**

Do you really believe that God exists?

Then do you really believe that Jesus Christ is the LORD of your life?

And do you really believe that God is in control of your life?

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### **6.) Know How to Present Yourself**

Be a strong believer regarding what you believe.

So make sure your Christianity is the same in private as it is in public. A good test to determine if you're an authentic Christian is to ask yourself a simple question;

## What Would I do if I knew God Wasn't Looking?

Because He is God – He is always looking because He always loves me.

**God Sees Every Text, E-Mail, Tweet,  
He is Reading Every Conversation and Blog.....**

**How you present or represent yourself matters.**

If you're dressed in a certain way – it sends a message.

If you talk in a certain way – it sends a message.

If you go to certain places – it sends a message.

Until you've written an autobiography.

Don't Quit or Give Up on Your Self respect and Standards.

You will never outwait God regarding your Life's partner.

### **Psalm 37:4-6a**

Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. :5

Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. :6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light

### **How many of you fish. You like to fish?**

It's hard to fish for **trout** or **salmon**. They're very picky and moody.

But if you're fishing for **shark** you can throw everything out there.

Sex, near sex, almost sex (webcam-sex), any kind of sex –  
"thought sex" is too much and is a sin against you, others and GOD.

It leads to compromises and heartbreak.

### **Matthew 5:27-28**

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, '*You shall not commit adultery.*' :28  
But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

A relationship that has been breached by “**untimely sex**” rarely recovers. But why? Because it sends a message to “Trust Control” and says “Houston, We Have a Problem” – *will this person be able to be trusted in the future and will they be able to trust me?*

Because you have been designed by God as a spiritual being - sex is a spiritually-assisted unifier. “**Untimely sex**” outside the bonds of the marital vows results in the opposite effect – it steals away.

God has Designed Physical Relationships to be Thrilling.  
Altogether - mentally, emotionally, spiritually, physically.  
(But Guilt and Shame Kill That Joy)

In King David’s Day – The Daughters of the King  
Could Be Identified a Mile Away by Their Colorful Apparel. - - “  
*Look, She’s the King’s Daughter*”

## How Far Can We Go Before Going There Is Too Far?

(Wrong question homer – be the man and lead the relationship)

It all begins with your spiritual thought life.

A man or a woman often disrespects one another when they believe that there is only one thing on the mind. Both sexes when dating need to remember how to use a very ancient word but effective way of communication – just say “no!”

A word of fatherly advice here.

**Guys.** You may need to unlearn  
what you’ve witnessed in life growing up.

**Girls,** you will always need to be encouraged to  
Consider again your value as a woman and even more so as a woman of God.

*“I had a mom ask me to pray for her son who was thinking about suicide after his girlfriend broke up with him... they were 16 and having sex = insane emotional fallout”*

*I’ve had men say to me, “I just can’t wait any longer. I’m sick of waiting, it’s too hard”*

*I've heard this one too "Every Christian guy (or girl) I meet is no different than the people of the world."*

## Here's What You're Going to Do

### Pray:

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Assuming you're no longer under your parents roof, Ask God if dating is right for you and is it time to date

#### **Psalm 27:14 NLT**

Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous.  
Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.

### Only Another Christian:

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Relationships are the most powerful and life-altering part of your life's journey. Make sure you travel with the right person and God's Word is your guide.

#### **2 Corinthians 6:14**

Do not be **unequally yoked** (*to be uneven, hook-up or tied to a weaker ox or donkey*) together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

### Be Impressed:

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You should not allow yourself to be even friends with those who either hold you back from growing spiritually or pull you down. Never date a person that doesn't impress you spiritually. Long after the "buzz" wears off their spiritual depth will sustain the relationship.

#### **1 Samuel 25:32-35**

Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed *is* the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! :33 And blessed *is* your advice and blessed *are* you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand. :34 For indeed, as the LORD God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal!" :35 So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your person."

## **No Secret Agent Dates:**

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Let your other Christian friends know that you've got a potential honey in your life. Let them know. Let them ask questions. Then let them get to know them too.

### **Proverbs 11:14**

Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

## **Keep It Crowded:**

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The two of you need to be with other people a lot. If you're going to be alone, be alone in a public place. Midnight in the car is no time to discuss world affairs. People always look better in the dark.

### **1 Corinthians 6:18**

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

## **What's Your Ministry:**

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Your marriage was designed to at least double the effectiveness of your Christian influence. If she serves in this capacity and he in that, watch and see what happens when you serve together. Your new united relationship should bring more people to the knowledge of Christ. I've seen far too many people get married, stop serving, get self-absorbed, live for fun, slip up, get a divorce.

## **Guys Can't Kiss:**

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The guy needs to protect and defend the relationship by being strong for the woman. He needs to make sure she feels safe. There is a weakness that guys have. A kiss can send a guy into a state of insanity, perhaps even mental damage.

### **2 Timothy 2:22**

Flee also youthful lusts;

### **Song of Solomon 2:7 NLT**

Promise me, O women of Jerusalem, by the gazelles and wild deer, not to awaken love until the time is right.

If there is someone in your life and you're wondering if the relationship is worth "discovering" then I encourage you to call the church office and the two of you can begin meeting with a mentoring couple.

**Philippians 4:8**

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

# >>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

*Come Forward for Prayer Tonight*

*End of Study*

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