

Pastor Al Giles

PRE-MARITAL DISCIPLESHIP: *God's Word on Dating & Courtship*

A real conversation about dating and pre-engagement...for disciples

Random points & principles so far:
MARRIAGE IS A DECISION TO TOTALLY CHANNEL MY AFFECTION & SELFISHNESS-KILLING NATURE TOWARD ONE PERSON.

How can I know God's will for a mate?

- 1) A _____
- 2) MANY _____ DECISIONS

WHAT IT'S NOT:

Controlled by emotion –

Preliminary Decisions before the BIG DECISION:

1. Will I _____? (Matthew 6:33) "Seek first the kingdom of God..."
2. Will I put myself in places where it's likely I'll find another _____?
3. Will I be _____ with the other gender in group settings?
4. Will I strike up a personal _____?
5. Will I set and maintain _____ from DAY ONE?
6. *Will I _____?*
7. Will I set & maintain my "_____" for my "chosen one"?

Pre-Marital Discipleship November 28, 2010

MEETING "MR/ MRS. RIGHT":
THEY ENCOUNTER THEM AS THEY FOLLOW JESUS & DO WHAT HE'S TOLD THEM TO DO!
Matthew 6:33

NOTE:

- **DETOURS** are arranged when the intended ROAD is under repair and needs to be fixed.
- JESUS WAY OF BRINGING THE "RIGHT PERSON" INTO YOUR LIFE IS NOT BROKEN!!! If you haven't found them yet, Jesus DIDN'T FORGET! It's not time -OR- You are not ready yet!

So, WHERE DO YOU GO TO FIND THE "RIGHT ONE"?

PRE-MARITAL DISCIPLESHIP & Physical involvement:

How far is too far?

If you can look your ex-girlfriend's spouse in the eye and not be embarrassed or ashamed of what you did as a couple.

Some suggestions as you begin:

1. Bring your "date" home to meet your parents. Let them meet & know them.
2. Bring your date into your circle of relationships.
3. Seek to bring your "chosen one" into your fellowship with Christ!
4. Ask for the opinions of those you trust.

BOTTOM LINE REVIEW:

1. IT'S A DELICATE _____!
2. IT'S A DETAILED _____!
3. IT'S A DEFINITE _____!