

I HEART...LESSONS IN LOVE

NXL CONNECT

CELL FORMAT

BREAKDOWN >>

//The goal of this lesson is to discuss The seven downfalls of conventional dating. Here are a few scriptures to help you prepare for your discussion. Gen 2:20-25 Mark 12:28-31 1Cor 7:8-9 Phil 1:9-10 amplified

LESSON FOCUS

// THE GOAL IS NOT TO BE ARGUMENATIVE BUT TO SHOW WHAT THE SCRIPTURE SAYS ABOUT DATING. KEEP THE EMPHASIS ON LOVE AND GRACE NOT RULES AND REGULATIONS.

OPEN UP >>

//What did you think!

NOTABLE QUOTE >>

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PASTOR ZAC

OUT LOUD >>

// We are begging a new series on relationships, dating and marriage. I know this tends to be the #1 issue that brings challenge to the young generation. Many become offended and disillusioned because they think they already know. So my intent is to bring forth truth from the scripture, not my opinion, not my thoughts. If we follow the scripture we will be wise. Now in regards to Dating, the Bible is silent, but in regards to marriage, the Bible says much. From the beginning of time, God gave Adam a wife! Not a girlfriend, not a date, not a friend with benefits, not a friend of the opposite sex, but a wife. You were created to Love God, before you love anyone else.

The Seven Downfalls of Conventional Dating

Conventional Dating leads to intimacy but not necessarily commitment.

- Dating has the bad habit of leading you to feel the emotions of marriage, but in the end it leaves you unfulfilled because marriage takes commitment.

Conventional Dating tends to skip the friendship stage.

- Friendship is one of the pillars of successful marriage. Dating tends to head strait into the romance and ignore and bypass the friendship.

Conventional Dating often mistakes a physical relationship for love.

- One of the true signs of sacrifice in marriage is the sexual relationship. Dating leads you to physical intimacy that gives you the sense of love but yet leaves you unfulfilled because it lacks commitment and sacrifice.

Conventional Dating often isolates a couple from other vital relationships.

- Dating Siberia, where no all of you time is consumed into a dating relationship and other vital relationships are ignored or lost.

Conventional Dating often distracts us from the primary responsibility of preparing for my future.

- Dating takes your focus away from building your foundation for destiny and puts your focus on pleasing and focusing on someone who may not even stand the test of time and be there in your future.

Conventional Dating can cause discontentment with God's gift of singleness. (Paul's Scripture)

- **1 Cor 7 MSG** ⁸I do, though, tell the unmarried and widows that singleness might well be the best thing for them, as it has been for me. ⁹But if they can't manage their desires and emotions, they should by all means go ahead and get married. The difficulties of marriage are preferable by far to a sexually tortured life as a single.

Conventional Dating creates artificial environment for evaluating a person's character.

- Dating removes you from real life situations where you can evaluate a person's lifestyle and character. Red Robin playing footsy and seeing movies, etc.

PRAYER FOCUS >>

Salvation, Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom for starting relationships