

Sweet Dating Skills

with Napoleon Dynamite

Myths of Dating (Part One)

Video 1: Rex Kwon Dating

Myth #1: You have to date around to find the "Right One".

False. Getting hooked up with the "right" person doesn't happen by trying on every relationship possible until you find the right fit. You and I need to focus more on our relationship with God and his forming us into the "right one" so when we do meet that person God has for us we don't miss out.

Verse to Chew on: Matthew 6:33

Helpful Tips:

1. Friendships. Evaluate their friendships with you and other friends.
2. Watch how they interact with their mom and dad
3. Keep a safe distance for your heart's sake.
4. Pray for insight and wisdom –Let God lead you not your hormones or emotions. Evaluate them. You are trying to understand a person's spiritual condition, personality, and motives.
5. Ask God to make is crystal clear quickly.

Myth #2: No one would ever like the Real you so you have to Impress them.

- Guys think girls want a guy who has the "I don't care" attitude. Guy who always act unaffected by anything. (Says things like "This is stupid" "This is Dumb" "Let's get out of here" "This is cheesy and boring". And they say it about everything!)
- Girls think guys want a girl who is "ditsy". In other words just always act cute and never express a real thought or intelligent opinion.
- Girls think guys want a "bomchickbombom" girl. So they dress like Seventeen magazine covers or the latest sleazy pop star. Basically a prostitute.

Truth of the Matter:

- Girls want a guy who is affected by things. Guys who enjoy life, engage in worship, involved in meaningful friendships. They want a guy is respectful, kind, compassionate, and godly. Someone who is on a greater adventure than just trying to hook up with their next date.
- Guys are not looking to marry a girl who reveals everything by the way they dress. They may date a girl like that because they are thinking she's "easy", but they are looking for a modest girl to marry. They also want to marry a girl with the ability to think and express rational opinions.

Myth #3: As long as I don't get physically involved, my serious dating relationship won't affect my marriage

When you share your heart and love with someone with no boundaries it can damage your future marriage's capacity for intimacy not as severe as sex before marriage but just as real.

Verse to Chew on: Proverbs 4:23

You can't approach a relationship full on. There should always be that boundary in your mind and heart where you draw the line and say "I will not give my heart away until the day at the altar, until then I will leave it completely in the hands of the one I can trust and that I will never break up with – Jesus.

The reason you dive in with no emotional boundaries is because you are looking for acceptance and love in your relationships. You will only find that level of acceptance and love in a relationship with Jesus.

Myth #4: It's nothing serious we're just dating.

- Have you ever heard someone say, "We Just go out for fun" "I'd never get serious with him". You don't have a whole lot of control over who you fall for.
- Everyone who gets married marries someone they've dated. Your life long spouse will be chosen from the 3 or 4 people that you date seriously as a young person
- So you better be careful who those choices are --- or who you let choose you.

Does it matter if I date a believer or non-believer?

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-17 -- You are made up of Body, Soul, Spirit as a believer. If you are not a believer you're spiritually dead. A believer and non-believer relationship can never be a complete relationship. They can only have things in common physically or mentally.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:18 – In times of big decisions like where to live, what job to work, how to raise children you would be the only one desiring to please God and do what is right in His eyes if you marry an unbeliever. They live by what they see. That would be major conflict in your life.

The person you link yourself to in a relationship says volumes about your walk with God!!!

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Intimacy vs. Sex (Part Two)

Video 2: Deb's Decision

Why Wait?

Purity paves the way for intimacy.

Impurity erodes the capacity to experience intimacy and consequently diminishes the satisfaction of sex.

There is an unbreakable link between purity and intimacy.

When you sin sexually you sin against yourself. You hurt yourself. You damage your potential for a satisfying sexual relationship with a marriage partner down the road and rob your future spouse of intimacy as well.

Girls: You don't really want sex. What you want is intimacy. You want to meet a guy, fall in love, and know that you can trust that person completely. You want to share everything there is to know about you without the fear of betrayal or rejection. You want to know that person fully and be fully known by them. What you are after is intimacy not sex!!!

Guys: You want great sex! You want to meet a girl you are physically attracted too, fall in love with her, and never lose that physical attraction. Your greatest fear is you will get stuck with someone you are no longer attracted to. The best way to ensure that you don't lose that loving feeling is to set your sights on intimacy rather than sex. Great sex is the by-product of maximum intimacy.

- The truth is you can't separate the physical from the relational. Not only is simply "having sex" not biblical it's not possible:
- **Read Genesis: 2:21-24**
- This is more significant than "having sex". They became one flesh! They were united through those intimate moments together.

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Practical Tacticals (Part Three)

Video 3: Pedro's Do's and Don'ts

Students usually respond to sex in two ways:

1. If I love them it's ok Crowd
 - a. I love you so much I'm willing for you to get pregnant
 - b. I love you so much I'm willing for you to get sick
 - c. I love you so much I willing to ruin your reputation
2. Show me the Line Crowd (how far is to far)
 - a. Just a longer road to the same mall

Guilt / No trust / Pregnancy / Future Marriage Problems

Your body was built to go all the way

You always pick up where you left off

Your "line" with your current relationship
will be your starting point with your next.

The further you go / the faster you go

The further you go / the harder it is to go back

Plan your time

Date in Groups

Stay away from "alone time"

Don't ditch your friends

Don't ditch your family

Walk with Jesus

1. Let God complete you

Guard your Mind: James: 1 / Philippians 4:8 / Galatians 6:7- / 2

Corinthians 10:12-13

Feed Your spirit: Fellowship / Worship / Time with God / Ministry

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body

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Reek of Love (Part Four)

Video 4: The Reek of Love

Question: What does a serious Relationship between two believers look like? What elements should be added to a growing relationship to keep it solid?

- **Accountability** - You need a friend of the same sex that is godly and that you have given the right to speak the truth in love to you and to dig into your personal thoughts and life.
You also need an adult spiritual leader who you allow to do the same.
Proverbs 13:20; 9:9; 15:22; 24:6; 11:14
(Beware: You are not each other's accountability partners)
- **Prayer and Bible study** – It's always cool to start out your time together or Date in prayer together. It's also great to read God's word together. But don't think it's a substitute for your personal time with God. You do need to always be sharing what God is saying to each other – **2 Timothy 3:16** – If you are not disciplined enough to spend time alone with God you will not be disciplined enough to pursue godliness and purity in a relationship. Get it in order! He's got to be your first love! **Phil. 4:6-7; 1 Thess 5:17** – pray continually

Serve in ministry together! Good to see how well you compliment each other's gifts and personalities in ministry environment. Also, let's you see through any fake talk!
- **Tons of interaction with each other's families** –Believe it or not you are marrying into another family. Family bonds are strong before and after marriage. Get to know their humor, quirks, and buttons. Avoid challenging them all!
"Honor your Father and Mother." If your parents don't approve of the person you are with, seriously consider calling it quits.
- **Conversations about life issues:** job, school, ministry, kids, location to live - Is God taking your lives in the same direction? Do you share common passions? Don't want to enter a marriage relationship with a noticeable set up for resentment.

- **Continue to learn the person's values, priorities, character make-up.** It going to make for a better decision about the direction of the relationship. It also Reduces conflict when you know!
- **Don't cut off your friends!** You need friendships. They keep life in perspective and a safety net if you have to bail out.

What age should I think about a serious relationship or marriage?

When life necessities and goals (i.e. college and career start) are on the horizon of accomplishment then it's something to consider. If you're not old enough to consider marriage in the next 5 to 6 years of your life then you are not ready to consider a serious relationship (**meaning a relationship at all**) – because you can't control who you fall for. You can't just determine which one will get serious.

Every relationship ends in one of two ways: You will either break up or get married.

The later in life you start pursuing relationships the more like you are to hold out for your day of marriage.

Your day is coming. That attraction will turn to a serious love and the timing in life is right where marriage is not a distant reality for you. These are some things that if you will hold onto and practice, they will keep you on the right track until the day at the altar.

