

FAST Lesson 1G: Real Men Don't Just Go Along With the World – A New View of Women (Dating, Part 1)

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- I. There is a good deal of disagreement in Christian circles about dating. Some think it should be limited to courtship (the period of a romantic relationship before marriage). Others think “fun” dating is OK (friendly attention to a young woman for the purpose of having a social or romantic relationship).
- II. One thing is certain in regard to dating and related activities such as dancing: the world has a twisted view of romance. Men should never view women as objects for their sexual satisfaction.
- III. Men should not date a girl simply based on appearance. In fact, young women who dress in overtly sexual ways should be avoided. Men should also consider the beliefs held by a woman. When you ask someone out, you effectively say “I share your values.”
- IV. Men should look for the qualities of mutual respect, good communication and kindness in a young woman (and authentic men will also reflect these qualities themselves).
- V. Ask yourself: “How does she treat other people? How has she responded to me? Does she make good decisions? Does she have a good understanding of right and wrong?”

“It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that **each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable**, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him.” (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5)

“So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. **Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality** so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more. (Ephesians 4:17-19)