

FAST Lesson 1-H: Real Men Don't Just Go Along With the World – A New Respect for Women (Dating, Part 2)

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- I. Fathers and sons should agree on (1) when dating is appropriate, and (2) the rules once you are ready to date. The rules once you are ready to date should include reasonable curfews (the times at which the woman and then the man should return home).
- II. When it is appropriate to date, men should take the lead – be careful with advances from young women who may have no boundaries. Group dating, if the group consists of Christians, is often a wise way to get to know a young women in a safe environment.
- III. Be kind to mom and dad. Remember your curfew, remember to call, be truthful, frank and open. Be kind to the girl. Walk her to and from the entry of her home for safety purposes. Don't put yourself and the girl in circumstances that will tempt you to engage in sex.
- IV. Remember that the ultimate goal for a romantic relationship between a man and a woman is a serious adult way of life called marriage. In the end, you do not need to date a lot of women – just the right one.
- V. Real men treat women with respect – they rise above social pressures to misuse and abuse the process of dating, and look for healthy relationships with Christian women.

“So, **if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!** No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” (1 Corinthians 10:12-13)

“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children, and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But **among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality**, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.” (Ephesians 5:1-3)