




# HOW TO RATE YOUR DATE


- Never marry a "Christian" - Marry a **Godly** person 
- *Definition of Godly: a person who walks daily with G.O.D.*
- Because people generally marry the people they date . . . date a **Godly** leader.
- *Definition of a Leader:*
  - ▶ An Initiator
  - ▶ A Problem Solver
  - ▶ A Servant

Jesus said "The one who serves the most - pick him as your leader."

- The character traits of a **Godly** leader are listed in the book of Galations 5.

**Love • Joy • Peace • Patience • Kindness • Goodness • Faithfulness • Gentleness and Self-control**

- Make a list of the fruitful leadership qualities you would like to see in the person you date and will eventually marry.

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According to Galations 5 - How would **you** rate if you were another persons date?

*People most often fall in love with the **personality**, but end up marrying the **character**.*

*Don't **spend** your life trying to find the right person - **Invest** your life in becoming the right person.*

**Seek first the kingdom of God...and ALL these things will be added unto you-**

Matthew 6:33

# WHEN TO CHOOSE YOUR MATE



## FIRST . . . Guys Be Wise!

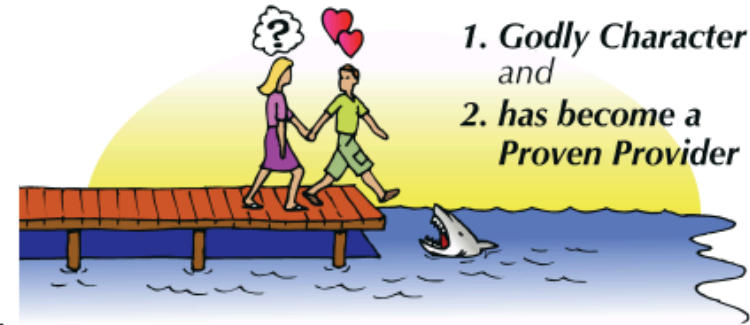
You may choose to fall in "Like" - but don't fall in "Love" until you have established a track record in your life of consistent Godly character - (John 15)

Girls will not follow what they do not trust or respect.

The way a person treats his family at home is the way he will treat his mate in his marriage.



**GIRLS** - Don't consider making your "Date" your "Mate" until he has learned the discipline of :



1. **Godly Character and**
2. **has become a Proven Provider**



## KEY TO DATING:

If you choose to fall in "Like" date **ONLY in GROUPS** or your "Like" may turn to "Love" before the proper preparations are made.

If love is calling you to take a "walk on the dock" ... just make sure there is a boat waiting for you at the end.

When a man asks a woman to step out from under the umbrella of her parents' protection, his responsibility is to bring his bride into **provision** not poverty.



**CAUTION:** If a girl falls in love with a guy who has not established the discipline of Godly character, nor is he a proven provider - she will find herself courting her **demise** rather than her **destiny**.

**Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart...in all your ways acknowledge him and HE will direct your paths-**

Proverbs 3:5-6

# \$ PARENTS \$

The cultural role of Parents: **PROVIDERS**  
The cultural role of Children: **CONSUMERS**



## The Biblical role of Godly parents:

Required by God to assume the responsibility of teaching and training their own children.

## The three primary roles of parents in the lives of their children:

1. Teach and model what it means to love and worship God in the home. Deuteronomy 6:4-9
2. Help your child discover their God given "Bent" - then help them to develop a skill or service that has monetary value. Proverbs 22:6
3. Become involved in helping your child find a Godly mate. Proverbs 1:8-9



# BOAT SINKERS

## WARNING

**Do not bring any detestable objects into your home... you must utterly detest such things for they are set apart for destruction.**

Deuteronomy 7:26



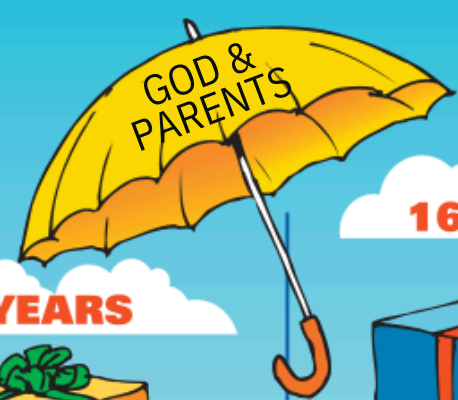
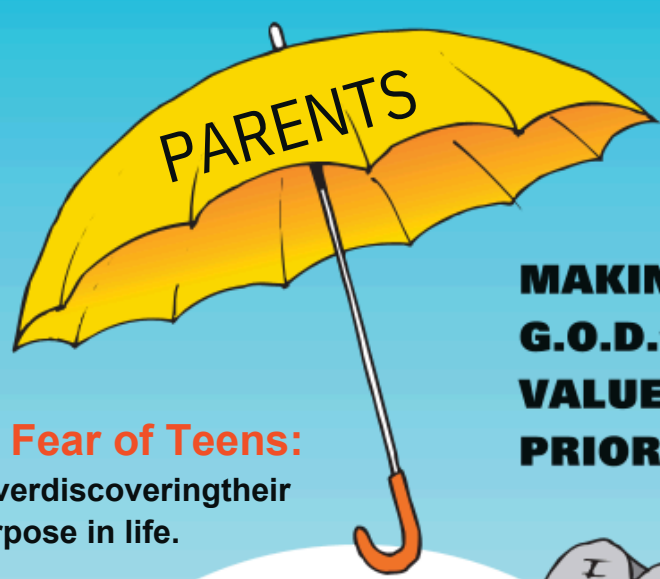
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# THE JOURNEY OF TRANSITION





**#1 Fear of Teens:**  
Never discovering their purpose in life.

**#1 Fear of Parents:**  
Not passing their values unto their children.

**MAKING G.O.D.'s VALUES MY PRIORITIES**



**Bar Mitzvah**  
"Son of the Commandments" Ownership

**12 YEARS**



**FREEDOMS:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Music
- \_\_\_\_\_ Money
- \_\_\_\_\_ Movies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Malls

**14 YEARS**



**FREEDOMS:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Friends
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clothes
- \_\_\_\_\_ TV

**16 YEARS**



**FREEDOMS:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Dating
- \_\_\_\_\_ Car
- \_\_\_\_\_ Curfew

**18 YEARS**

**"TOTAL" FREEDOM**



- \_\_\_\_\_ Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Job/Money
- \_\_\_\_\_ Car
- \_\_\_\_\_ House
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wife
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clothes
- \_\_\_\_\_ etc.

**GOD'S ROLE:**

- Caretaker
- Protector
- Provider

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**BAY OF SECURITY**

**JETTY OF ADOLESCENCE**

**SEA OF INDEPENDENCE**

**BIG 5 Temptations**



**0 to 5 YEARS CARETAKER**

**ROLE:**

- Protector
- Provider
- Pray

**5 to 12 YEARS COP**

**ROLE:**

- Teach
- Train
- Discipline
- Pray

**12 to 17 YEARS - "Where there is no vision the people perish"**

*Proverbs 29:18*

**COACH ROLE:** Teach, Model, Encourage & Pray

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Bible
- \_\_\_\_\_ Honor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Grades
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chores
- \_\_\_\_\_ Allowance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sports

\$ **20%**

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Musical Instrum.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Work
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clothes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Life Skills

\$ **35%**

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Gas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance

\$ **50%**

**18 YEARS CONSULTANT**

**ROLE:**

- Listen
- Support
- Advise
- Pray

68% of college graduates are currently returning home looking for financial assistance.

\$ **100%**

✓ *A father becomes successful through adversity, then with his success he banishes from his children's lives the very thing that made him successful.*

**Foundation:** Growing in Wisdom, Stature and in Favor with G.O.D. and Man *Luke 2:52*