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Dating – Finding The Perfect Mate

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God says it's more important that **Y** _____ be the "perfect mate" than for you to **F** _____ the perfect mate.

Proverbs 21:19 *Better to live in a desert than with a quarrelsome and ill-tempered wife.*

Proverbs 25:24 *Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.*

Proverbs 15:17 *Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf with hatred.*

Proverbs 17:1 *Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife.*

If your ways are **P** _____ to God, even your significant other/spouse can be made to be at **P** _____ with you.

God teaches "the key to a good marriage is **B** _____ the right person!"

Ephesians 4&5 is such a great instruction manual for Christian couples.

- You won't **G** _____ the Holy Spirit (4:30)
- You'll be **I** _____ of God the Father (5:1)
- And you'll be **L** _____ Jesus (5:2)

Ephesians 4:17-19 *"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."*

Eph. 5:3 says there shouldn't even be a "hint" of sexual immorality amongst you.

1 Corinthians 15:33 says: "Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'"

Maybe not right away but over time....it will happen.

Paul tells us in Ephesians, that when you start thinking like the Gentiles:

1. Your heart becomes **H** _____, calloused. (4:18)
2. You **L** _____ your "sensitivity" to the advantages you have in your relationships (4:19)
3. You get caught up in **B** _____, rage and anger (4:31)

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In short, Gentile thinking creates a barrier to the intimacy you need in a relationship

Ephesians 5:4 says: "Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving."

Then what SHOULD you do?

- Learn how to handle C _____

Eph 4:30-31 tells us: "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption"

Get rid of all

- **Bitterness**
- **Rage and Anger**
- **Brawling and Slander**
- **along with every form of Malice.**

How can a Christian protect themselves against the devastating effects of conflict?

1. Don't **A** _____ yourself to go to bed angry (vs. 26)
2. Don't **A** _____ yourself to "slander" your spouse (vs. 31)
3. Don't call your Significant other/spouse "Fat and ugly" or "stupid and lazy."
4. Lastly **R** _____ an argument can leave you very angry. You'll think, but "they were wrong, they were unkind to me, they slandered me, they said things that I don't know if I can ever forgive..."

Eph 4:32 says "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 4:29 says: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

Having a good relationship/marriage isn't so much about "**F** _____ the right mate" as it is about **B** _____ **the right mate**. And the best place to start in becoming the right mate is in becoming a child of God and learning to be pleasing to Him in all that you do...