

When Should You Start Dating?

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How old should we be before we start dating? What mindset should we adopt in regard to dating? It's important to have a clear idea of what you want to put into and get out of a dating relationship before jumping headfirst into one.

Video Highlights:

- It is important to be intentional in your approach to dating. You must evaluate your relationship on your likelihood of being compatible in the long-term.
- You must also evaluate yourself for relationship readiness. It's not just if you've found someone who is husband or wife material, but if *you* are husband or wife material.
- Jesus said, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you."
- Many divorces arise because of problems related to finances.
- Justin's mentor told him that if he wasn't at least twenty-one, it wasn't likely he was ready for a serious relationship.

Discussion Questions:

1. *Watch the video together or invite someone to summarize the topic.*
2. *What is your initial reaction to this video? Do you disagree with any of it? What jumped out at you?*
3. *What qualities make someone a good potential spouse?*
4. *On a scale of one to ten, how would you rate yourself as "husband or wife material?"*
5. *"If your life is not yet complete with Jesus only, there's no way a boyfriend or girlfriend will help that." Do you agree or disagree with this statement?*
6. *What are you most focused on in life, or what are you seeking most?*
7. *How is your relationship with God?*
8. *What is your calling?*
9. *What is your career?*
10. *Why did Justin's mentor tell him to wait until he was at least twenty-one to seek a serious relationship?*
11. *Write a personal action step based on this conversation.*