



THE CHRISTIAN JEDI

Part III

Dating

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

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Dating

What is the ***purpose*** of dating?

PURPOSES OF DATING – Attitudes:

- **SOCIALIZATION:**

To develop appropriate social skills to practice getting along with others in different settings.

- **RECREATION:**

To have fun and enjoy the companionship of others, and to try new and different activities.

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PURPOSES OF DATING – Attitudes:

- **MATE SELECTION:**

To see others in many different settings, to compare the personality and characteristics of many people.

WAITING ...

for the
perfect
man.



Predictors of Success

Parent Model

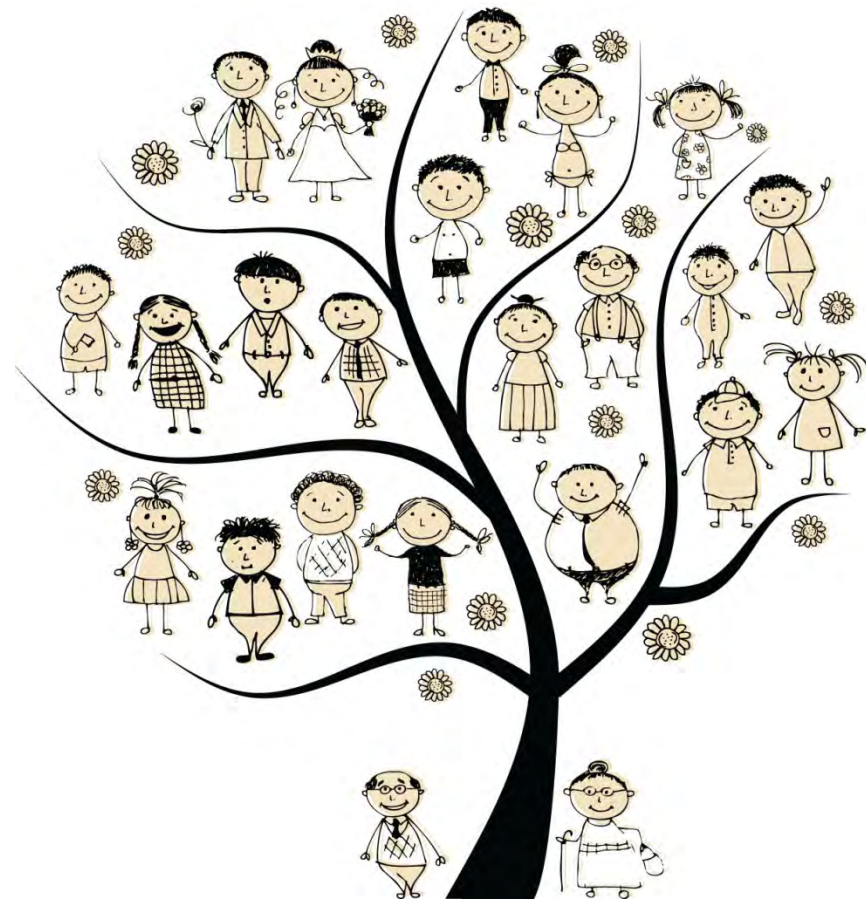
- High marriage quality in family of origin
- High level of happiness in childhood
- Positive relationship between parents



Predictors of Success

Support from significant others

- Parent approval of spouse
- Liking of in-laws
- Support of friends



Obey God and Parents

- ³⁰ And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.
- ³¹ And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:3, 31

Obey God and Parents - Lesson

- Love God more than boyfriend / girlfriend
- Heart must be committed to God 1st
- Only date people who are morally committed to God

*Children, obey your parents in all things:
for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.*

Col. 3:20

-Supplies to every aspect of life, including
dating

-Know your parents rules about dating, obey
them

Parents... take charge

Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. **Eph. 6:4**

Predetermine what you want in a boyfriend / girlfriend

Choose you this day whom ye will serve

Josh. 24:15

- decide in advance whether you will have a godly or ungodly boyfriend or girlfriend

Predetermine what you want in a boyfriend / girlfriend

Be not deceived:
evil communications
corrupt good
manners.

1 Cor. 15:33



Components of healthy relationships:



- Communication
- Trust
- Respect
- Love

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Trusting

Lets you hang out
with your friends

Understands when
you have to change
plans

Lets you wear what
you want

Not
Trusting

Calls you every second of the day and demands information

Won't let you
change plans or
makes you feel
guilty

Get's jealous when other people are talking to you

Make it a *Spiritual* relationship



¹⁴ Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

2 Cor. 6:14

Make it a *Spiritual* relationship

¹⁵ And what concord hath Christ with Belial?
or what part hath he that believeth with an
infidel? 2 Cor. 6:15



Suggestions for Spiritual Dating relationship:

- Bible study
 - discuss what both want out of the relationship
- Discuss moral standards
- Set boundaries

Suggestions for spiritual dating relationship:

- Flee lusts – 2 Tim 2:22
- Godly attire -1 Tim. 2:9-10
- Have fun!

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights **James 1:17**

STAGES OF DATING

- **Stimulus Stage:** Attraction is physical, mental or social.



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- **Value Stage:** Weigh each other's values to see if compatible. Usually determined between 2-7 dates (best to breakup here).



STAGES OF DATING

- **Role Stage:** Analyze behaviors to determine filling roles as companion, friend, worker, spouse and parent.



STATS

- 1% of men preferred women who waited to be asked.
- 99% of men wanted women to hint to be asked.
- 50% of men preferred women to ask them out.

Initiating a Date – Are they interested?

- Women most often covertly initiate meeting by sending nonverbal signals of interest.

FLIRT = ACT

A – Animation

C – Closeness:

T – Touch:

Catch eye,
smile, touch
elbow, etc



HOW DO YOU MEET PEOPLE FOR DATING?

- **Open field:** A setting in which potential partners may not be likely to meet, characterized by large numbers of people who do not ordinarily interact, such as a beach, mall or campus.



HOW DO YOU MEET PEOPLE FOR DATING?

- **Closed field:** A setting in which potential partners may meet, characterized by a small number of people who are likely to interact, such as a class, dorm or party).

PROBLEMS IN DATING

- Power is not usually a problem in dating but gender roles are.
- Who pays?
- Who decides?
- Communication
- Shyness
- Intimacy pressure



BREAKING UP

- Be sure that you want to break up and are not just avoiding problems and issues.
- Acknowledge that your partner will be hurt.
- Once you end the relationship, **do not** continue seeing your former partner as friends for some time.
- The pain & loneliness are natural.
- You are a worthwhile person whether you are with your partner or not.
- Keep a sense of humor.



SINGLEHOOD

- PROS?
- CONS?



Increasing:

Divorced, widowed, never married

- Delayed marriage
- Employment options for women
- Increased divorce & decreased likelihood of remarriage
- More women in college
- More liberal social & sexual standards
- Uneven ratios of unmarried women to men

MYTHS OF SINGLEHOOD

- Singles are dependent on their parents
- Singles are self-centered
- Singles have more money (actually married couples are better off)
- Singles are happier
- Singles view single hood as a lifetime alternative

CHARACTERISTICS OF SINGLEHOOD

- Singles don't fit into married society
- Singles have more time
- Singles have more fun
- Singles are lonely



WHY MARRIAGE MATTERS!!

& HOW TO MAKE IT LAST

FAMILY:

1. Marriage increases the likelihood that fathers have good relationships with their children.
2. Cohabitation is ***not*** the functional equivalent of marriage.
3. Growing up outside an intact marriage increases the likelihood that children will themselves divorce or become unwed parents.
4. Marriage is a virtually universal human institution.

ECONOMICS:

5. Divorce and unmarried childbearing increase poverty for both children and mother.
6. Married couples build more wealth on average than singles or cohabiting couples.
7. Married men earn more money than do single men with similar education and job histories.

8. Parental divorce appears to increase children's risk of school failure.
9. Parental divorce reduces the likelihood that children will graduate from college and achieve high-status jobs.



PHYSICAL HEALTH & LONGEVITY

10. Children who live with their own two married parents enjoy better physical health, on average, than do children in other family forms.



11. Parental marriage is associated with a sharply lower risk of infant mortality.
12. Marriage is associated with reduced rates of substance abuse for both adults and teens.
13. Married people, especially married men, have longer life expectancies than do otherwise similar singles.
14. Marriage is associated with better health and lower rates of injury, illness and disability for both men & women.

The Dark Side of Dating



What is Dating Abuse?

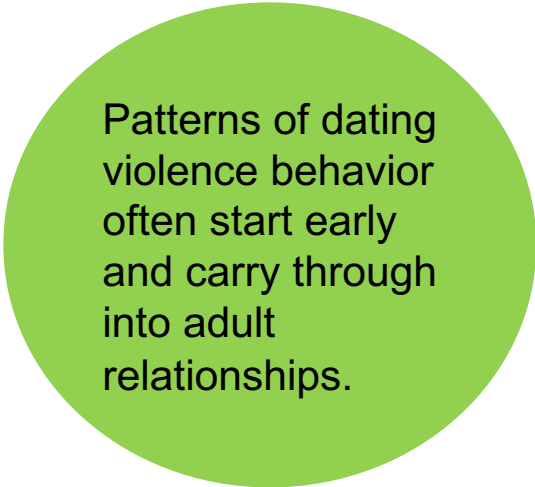
Dating abuse (or Relationship Abuse):

A **pattern of controlling behavior** that someone uses against a girlfriend or a boyfriend. The core of dating abuse is **Power** and **Control**



IT CAN HAPPEN
TO ANYONE...


- **Race**
- **Gender**
- **Age**
- **Social economic status**
- **Level of education**
- **Religion**



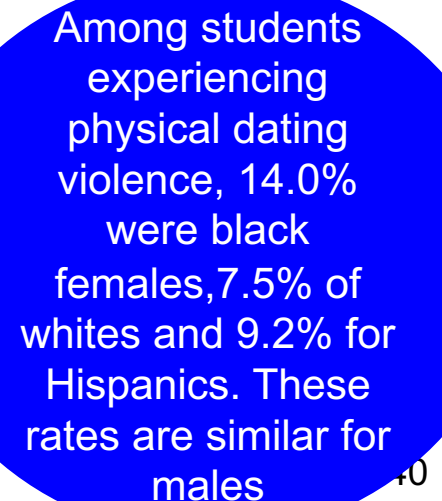
Patterns of dating violence behavior often start early and carry through into adult relationships.



Studies found higher rates of dating violence in low SES groups



15.8% of Rural teens report ever being hit, pushed, or threatened by a dating partner



Among students experiencing physical dating violence, 14.0% were black females, 7.5% of whites and 9.2% for Hispanics. These rates are similar for males

DATING ABUSE

Dating abuse is a controlling behavior in which a partner uses to gain power over the other partner.

3 main types

PHYSICAL

1 IN 11

EMOTIONAL

1 IN 5

SEXUALLY

1 IN 3



80%

of girls who have
been abused keep
dating their

abuser.



1 in 4

teens who have been
in a serious relationship
say that they have been
pressured to only spend
time with their partner.

LACK OF AWARENESS

ONLY
67%

of adolescents who were
abused in a relationship
tell someone



81%

of parents believe
teen dating abuse
is not an issue



80%

of teens believe
teen dating abuse
is a **SERIOUS** issue

FEBRUARY
is national
TEEN
DATING
ABUSE
awareness
month.

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What do you know about dating abuse; Is this Abuse or Not?

sexual coercion & peer pressure
We have been dating for 6 months and we haven't had sex, is there something wrong with me? Our other friends say they usually have sex after a few weeks

Isolation
Do you have to go to your friends b-day party, I wanted to spend time with you this weekend, I should be more important than your friends

Threats
I love you so much that I don't want to live without you. I'll kill myself if you leave.

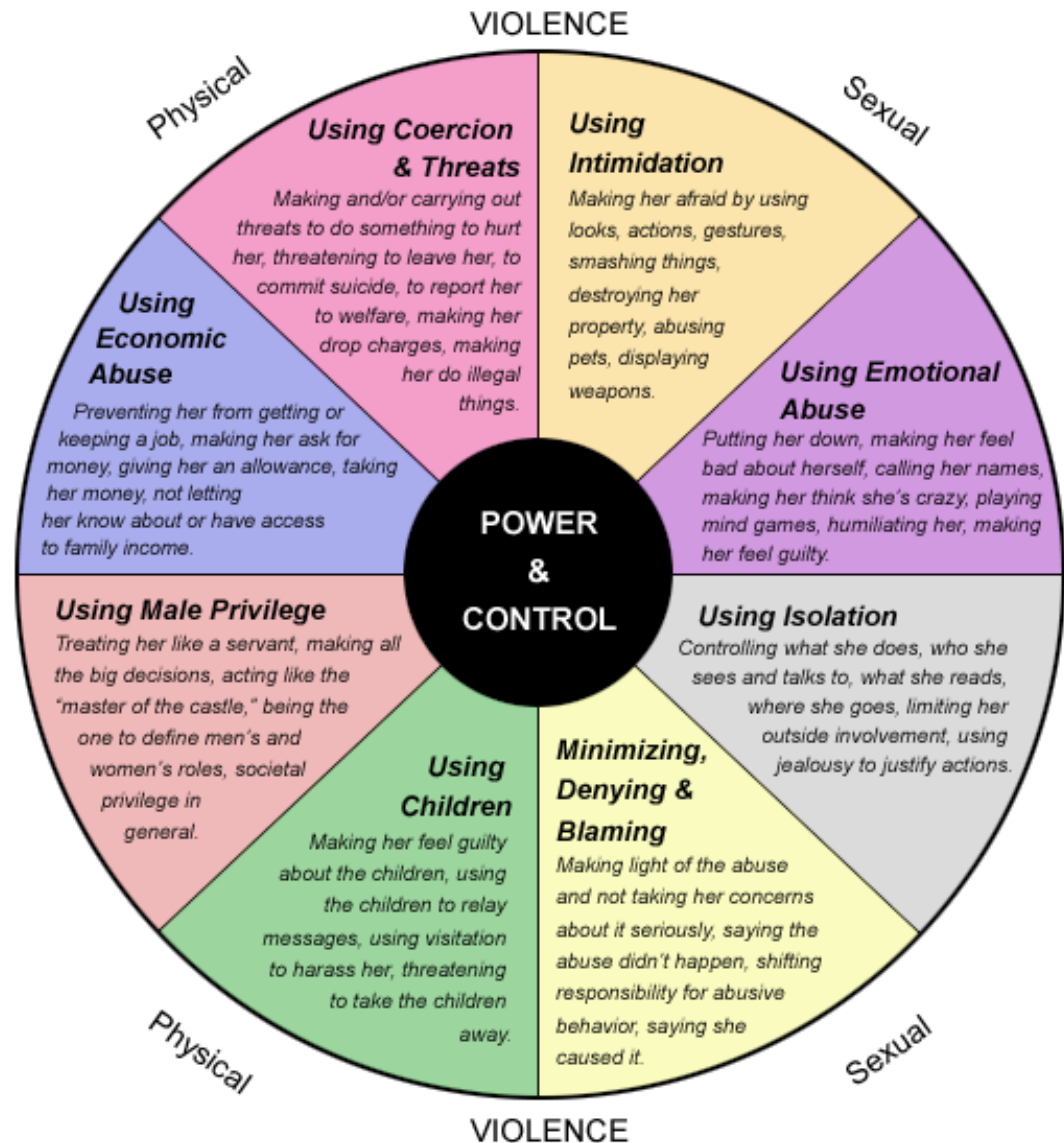
Minimize, deny, & Blame
It didn't mean to hurt you; You made me upset; You deserved it

Anger/Emotional Abuse & Social Status
You are such an idiot, that's why I have to make all the decisions!

POWER & CONTROL

Physical Abuse is...

- Hitting
- Kicking
- Punching
- Slapping
- Scratching
- Pinching
- Physically hurt you, like bruise from a punch
- Make you fear for your safety



Facts About Technology Abuse

1 in 3 teens say they are texted 10, 20, 30 times an hour by a partner keeping tabs on them

68% of teens say boyfriends/girlfriends sharing private or embarrassing pictures/videos on cell phones and computers is a serious problem.

1 in 4 teens in a relationship say they have been called names, harassed, or put down by their partner through cell phones & texting.



19% of teens in relationships say their partner has used a cellular device or the internet to spread rumors about

Nearly 1 in 4 teens in a relationship communicated with their partner via cell phone or texting HOURLY between 12 am & 5 am

71% of teens regard boyfriends/girlfriends spreading rumors about them on cell phones and social networking sites as a serious problem.



5 FORMS OF TECHNOLOG Y ABUSE...

1. Digital Disrespect
2. Constant messaging / Threatening text messages
3. Online Stalking
4. Threatening to share pictures
5. Impersonating through social networking

Why is Dating Abuse Prevalent?



- Gender hierarchies
- Views of "romantic" relationships
- Inexperience
- Independence
- Peer pressure

Myth vs. Fact

- ◇ Drugs/Alcohol cause someone to be violent?

MYTH: These chemicals just aggravate the situation but they don't cause it

- ◇ Women are victims of violence more often than men

FACT: The U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that 95% of the reported incidents of assaults in relationships are committed by males.

- ◇ Most of the time abusers will never get better because it is a learned behavior and cannot be unlearned.

MYTH: Although it is uncommon for an abusive person to change and unlearn their behavior, if they acknowledge their behavior and want to change for themselves it can happen. However, no one can make them change, they have to make the decision for themselves.

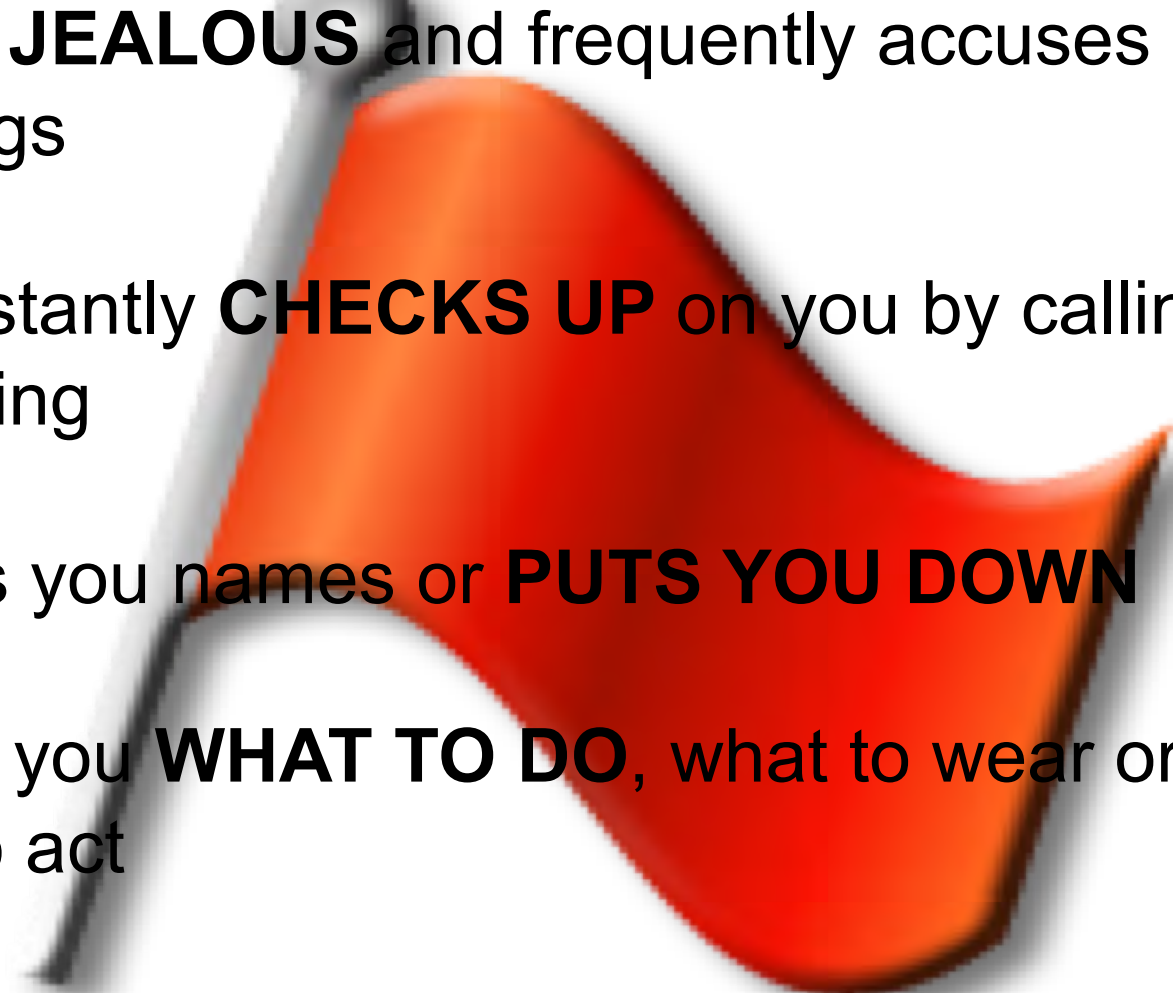
- ◇ Jealousy and possessiveness are a sign of true love.

MYTH: Jealousy and possessiveness are a sign that the person sees you as a possession. It is the most common early warning sign of abuse.

- ◇ If a person stays in an abusive relationship, it must not really be that bad.

MYTH: People stay in abusive relationships for a number of reasons: fear, economic dependence, confusion, loss of self-confidence, not recognizing that what's happening is abusive, belief that the abuser needs their help or will change.

KNOW THE RED FLAGS

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- ✓ Acts **JEALOUS** and frequently accuses you of things
 - ✓ Constantly **CHECKS UP** on you by calling or texting
 - ✓ Calls you names or **PUTS YOU DOWN**
 - ✓ Tells you **WHAT TO DO**, what to wear or how to act
 - ✓ **THREATENS** to harm themselves if you ever break up with them

The Impact

- Depression
- Feelings of Suicide
- Using drugs and alcohol
- Developing poor eating habits
- Losing self-esteem
- Self blaming / Feelings of confusion
- Losing focus
- Feelings of shame and embarrassment
- Feelings of isolation
- Giving up all social and school activities
- Needing constant validation and reassurance



Effects of Dating
Abuse on Teens

Healthy Relationships



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**RELATIONSHIPS SHOULD DRAW YOU
CLOSER TO CHRIST, NOT CLOSER TO SIN.
DON'T COMPROMISE TO KEEP ANYONE,
GOD IS MORE IMPORTANT.**

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