

Christian Dating

1. Plan your dates. Don't just go out.
2. Tell someone your plans. Never have secret dates.
3. Don't let anyone talk you into a date you don't want.
4. Date only people you like. Don't date for show or peer pressure.
5. Know ahead of time, how late, how far out of town, who drives.
6. No drugs or alcohol for either partner.
7. Keep your dates social and fun, not sexual and hurtful.
8. Respect your parents and their concerns about your dating.
9. Plan ahead how to say "no."
10. Date people who support your values. If you are a committed Christian, date only Christians. To be Christian is to believe that God's way works best for you.
11. Take Jesus along on your dates. He likes good fun too.
12. Set limits ahead of time. Stay above the neck. Keep hands from under clothing.
13. Always talk about your date when you get home. Be honest. If you are ashamed to talk about it, it probably was harmful to you.
14. Decide what kinds of places you'll go to and which you'll avoid, and let your friends know about it.
15. Don't play games with people's lives.
16. Decide how often you'll date and how often you'll date the same person. Don't be talked into going more often.
17. Remember, dating can be a beautiful experience, but with the wrong person or in the wrong situation it can be a hurtful thing that spoils your future. Plan carefully and stick with your plans.
18. Until you are old enough and engaged, double date and group date most of the time. Alone is more likely to be hurtful for teens.
19. Learn to avoid persons, places and situations that are occasions for sinful activities. God's rules are for your well-being and safety, not His.
20. Sex is a dangerous experiment for teens. Remember, one wrong action, even if forgiven by God, can often hurt you and/or your date for the rest of your lives.
21. For a Christian, Jesus alive in you makes these rules look good. Without Jesus, selfish forces inside and around you will fight to cloud your vision of what's desirable and then get you into trouble.
22. Dating is not for sexual satisfaction. A "hot date" does not release the pressure for sex, but makes it worse.
23. Consider age and maturity differences when choosing a date.
24. Don't allow dirty talk on your dates.
25. Stay away from bad movies and other suggestive media.
26. Be sure you know ahead of time how you will get home.
27. Call home if you are unavoidably late.
28. Take care of your reputation.
29. Respect your date. Treat each other in a Christian way.
30. Don't date someone if you know that person wants to have sex.
31. Don't date someone known to be sexually active.
32. Although teen dating may not be courtship for marriage yet, make it your rule to not date a person you would never consider a good marriage possibility.
33. Don't start dating too young. Wait until you are ready no matter what your friends may be doing.
34. Don't let TV and popular songs set your moral standards.
35. What other guidelines can you suggest?