



## January 15, 2012

### Friendships, Relationships and Dating Part 2

#### Wrap up on 'Relationships' – With Parents

*The Lord said to Moses, "You must respect your mother and father..." Leviticus 19: 1,3*

*Children, obey your parents as the Lord wants, because this is the right thing to do. The command says, "Honor your father and mother." This is the first command that has a promise with it – "Then everything will be well with you, and you will have a long life on the earth." Fathers, do not make your children angry, but raise them with the training and teaching of the lord.*

*Children, obey your parents in all things, because this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not nag your children. If you are too hard to please, they may want to stop trying.  
Colossians 3: 20-21*

What ways do you think your relationship with your parents will change during your Senior year in HS and in college?

Consider the theory that your parents might move from a 'Supervisory' role to a 'Consultant' role.

- Do you think this would be a good thing?
- When do you think the transition should take place?
- What are your responsibilities to make this transition successful?
- How important is communication in this process?

On a scale of 1-10, where would you rank your communication with your parents?

- What could you do to improve it before you leave for college?
- What could your parents do?

What are 'Helicopter Parents'?

- Do you think your parents will be 'Helicopter Parents' when you are newly in college?
- What traits can you exhibit now that may help your **parents to avoid doing this?**

## Dating Relationships

*Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Proverbs 4:23*

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8*

*The issue is not how to fit our spiritual life into our dating life; rather, it is how to fit our dating life into our spiritual life. HENRY CLOUD AND JOHN TOWNSEND. Boundaries in Dating: Making Dating Work.*

### Video Clip from Mark Gungor's .....*Dating & Relating*

What would you say is the purpose of dating?



What kind of person are you looking for?

List some of the qualities:

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and don't settle for less!!

Dating needs to be handled with maturity and wisdom. Are you ready emotionally, physically and spiritually?

Both Mark Gungor, in the video, and Jonathan Morrow, in "Welcome to College" (see attached sheets) suggest that if your intention is to marry a Christian person, then you should only date Christians. How do you react to that statement? Do you want to marry a Christian, or at least someone with the same Christian values that you have?

What does a healthy dating relationship look like?

Why is it important to establish emotional and physical boundaries, and when should those be established?

## Take Away's from Mark Gungor on the Video Clip:

Dating is for seeing if a person would make a good partner.

1. Really look at a person and try to learn who they are.
2. Look at how they 'react' to things. It is easy to hide who you are by how you act, but re-actions are more revealing of character.
3. What is their past, including their family? This says all kinds of important things about a person.
4. Let other people speak into your life concerning people you are spending time with. This could be your parents if you have a good relationship, or a mentor, pastor, etc.
5. Don't let only your "feelings" be the final decider.
6. Don't get physical. Sex is a powerful thing and has been designed by God to be the 'glue' that holds a marriage together. But it is not designed for use outside of marriage.
7. Learn the power of "NO". If you value yourself, so will your partner.
8. Marriage is not about making you happy. The best marriages are when both individuals are happy already in their own right. Let God be the source of your joy.
9. Date smart! Don't put yourself in scenarios where you know there is potential for failure. Don't spend too much time alone and isolated when dating. Doing things in groups is lots of fun and where a lot of the memories are in High School and College.

Read Chapter 34 of "Welcome to College, A Christ-followers Guide for the Journey" by Jonathan Morrow. See attached pages.

**Jan. 21-22 Serve Breakfast at Glide Memorial in SF (Youth Group Activity)**

**Jan. 29 Discovering Your Heart with the Flag Page (from Mark Gungor)**

A simple and powerful way to truly  
understand yourself and others

**BRING A LAPTOP**



**Meetings rest of year: Feb. 12 & 19, March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15, May 6**

**"Warming up for College" CHALLENGE:**

**Continue to keep your calendar up to date**

**Try going 'off grid' while studying (no phone, TV, Internet, etc.)**

**Consciously examine the quality of your friendships.**

**Look honestly at your relationship with your parents. Think about what could make that relationship better.**

**Give some serious thought to the kind of person you want to spend your life with.**