

Wait or Date? Signs You're Ready!

You are ready to date if you are:

Saved

- Your life clearly displays fruit of repentance affirmed by others (Luke 6:43-45; 2 Corinthians 13:5)
- You are willing to make all of your decisions in light of God's authority over your new life in Christ (Proverbs 3:5-6; 12:15; 16:9)
- You are responsive to the Word of God (Psalm 119:9,11, 105, 106; John 8:30-31)

Sanctified

- You are not struggling with blatant sin in your walk and regularly failing and yielding to temptations of lust (Ephesians 5:3)
- There is no concealed sin nor dominating pattern of sin in your life that will impair your fellowship with God or the person you choose to date (Proverbs 28:13)
- You have a genuine desire for holiness (1 Thessalonians 4:1-5; 1 Peter 1:14-16; Hebrews 13:4).

Seeking Counsel

- You are actively seeking counsel from your parents (Ephesians 6:1-2)
- You are actively seeking counsel from your pastors (Hebrews 13:17)
- You are actively seeking counsel from others (Proverbs 11:14; 27:6)

Sober-minded

- Your emotional maturity and understanding of the need to set boundaries to safeguard both your heart and the heart of the other person is evident to you and to others (Proverbs 4:23)
- You are willing to seek accountability for the physical boundaries established (Romans 13:14)
- You are willing to take radical action if sin enters your relationship. You would willingly end the relationship (temporarily or permanently) if any compromises are made (1 Corinthians 6:18; Matthew 5:29-30)

Servant-minded

- You recognize dating as a step toward marriage and God's designed roles (Ephesians 5:22-33)
- You desire to place the interest of others ahead of your own (Philippians 2:3-4)
- You seek the Lord's will for your life and follow his example as an obedient servant to God (Mark 10:45; Matthew 6:10; 1 Timothy 4:6)