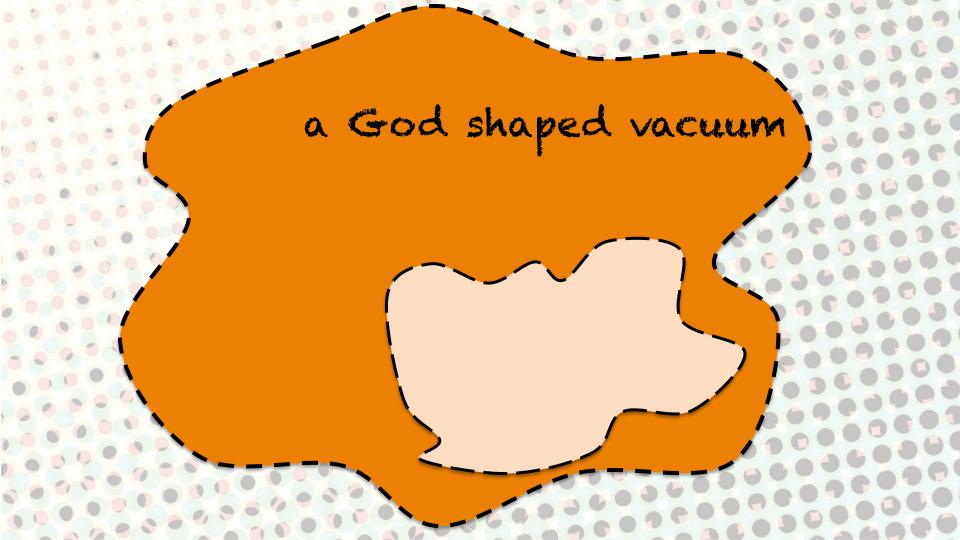


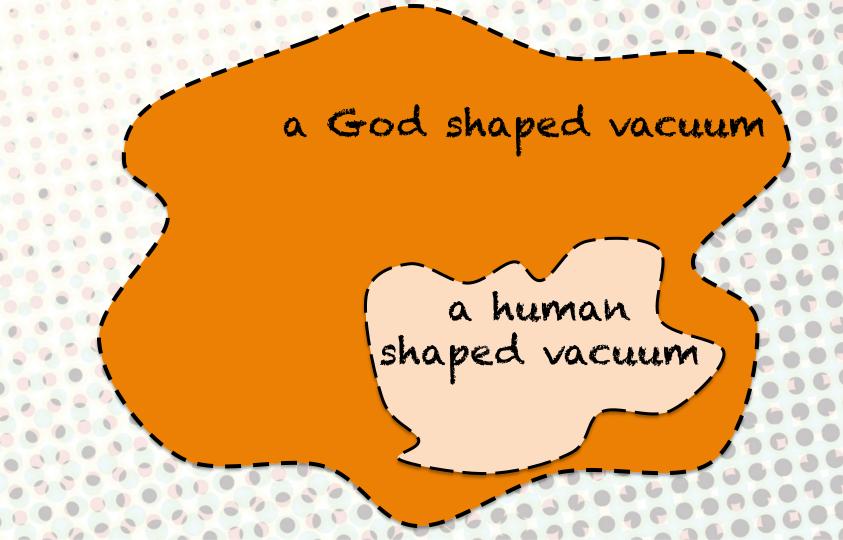
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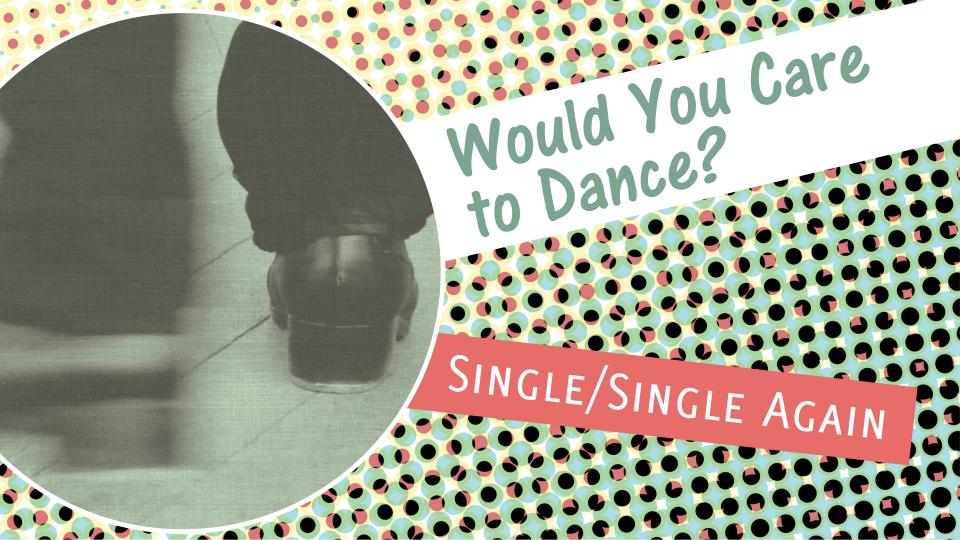
















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Don't you think that whatever it has to say might be a little outdated?

From Genesis chapter 3 to the very end in Revelation the Bible is simply a description of God's handiwork of reestablishing life giving relationships... between Him and mankind and between you and me... that includes 'dating'!

The Bible is not only 'inerrant' but it is also 'sufficient', and 'efficient', and 'effective' -in showing us the path of life, -showing us when we get off that path, -showing us how to get back on the path, -showing us how to stay on track!

Judging from the evidence our present day process of the way we establish, maintain and sustain romantic relationships, our culture is profoundly 'messed up'!

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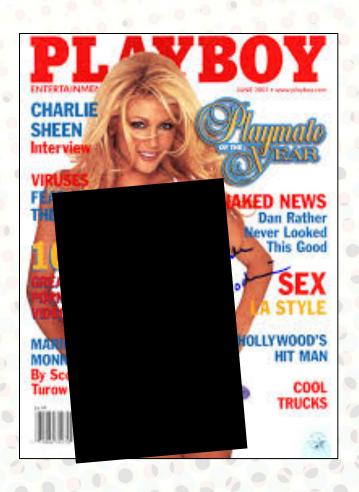
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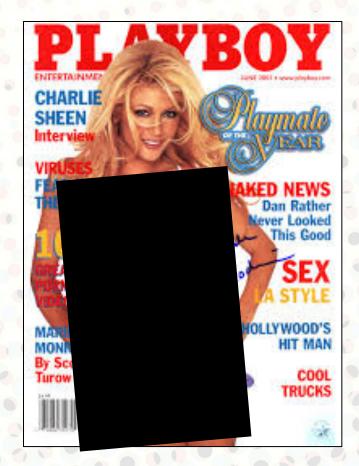
It's every couple on its own bottom,

without a compass, often without a goal.

Those who reach the altar seem to have stumbled on it by accident."

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Trust

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Truth

Romans 12:1-2

- 1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
- 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

I Thessalonians 4:1-8

- 1 Finally, the, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.
- 2 For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.
- For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;

4 that each of you know how to control his won body in holiness and honor,

- 5 not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;
- that no one transgress and wrong (defraud) his brother in this matter, because the the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.
- 7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.
 - Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who give His Holy Spirit to you.

Walter Trobisch I Loved a Girl: A Private Correspondence

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Let me try to tell you what it really means if a fellow says to a girl, "I love you." It means, "You, you, you. You alone. You shall reign in my heart. You are the one for whom I have longed; without you I am incomplete. I will give everything for you and I will give up everything for you, myself as well as all that I possess. I will live for you alone, and I will work for you alone. And I will wait for you- it doesn't matter how long.

I will always be patient with you. I will never force you, not even with words. I want to guard you, protect you, and keep you from all evil. In it's right time I want to share with you my thoughts, my heart and my body-all I possess. I want to listen to what you have to say. There is nothing I want to undertake without your blessing. I want to remain always at your side."

Walter Trobisch Love is a Feeling to be Learned

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Have we learned how to love? Do we appreciate the beauty of the in-between? The joy of the preliminary?

Did you hear? Pain and suffering! The hit songs and movies lie to us when they try to tell us that happiness can be had without suffering.

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Just here is the reason for the failure of many a relationship, for the frustrations and torture, yes, even for the shallowness and shipwreck of many a marriage: to think that love can grow and live without suffering.

Love and suffering do not exclude each other. Rather they condition each other.

I Corinthians 13 tells us that love is long-suffering.





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Barna Group (California based Research Company)

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If you have lived with someone other than your eventual spouse you are twice as likely to divorce than someone who has never cohabitated.

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...boundaries with the ability to attach...
...separate but connected...

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Get to know someone's name and all that it means



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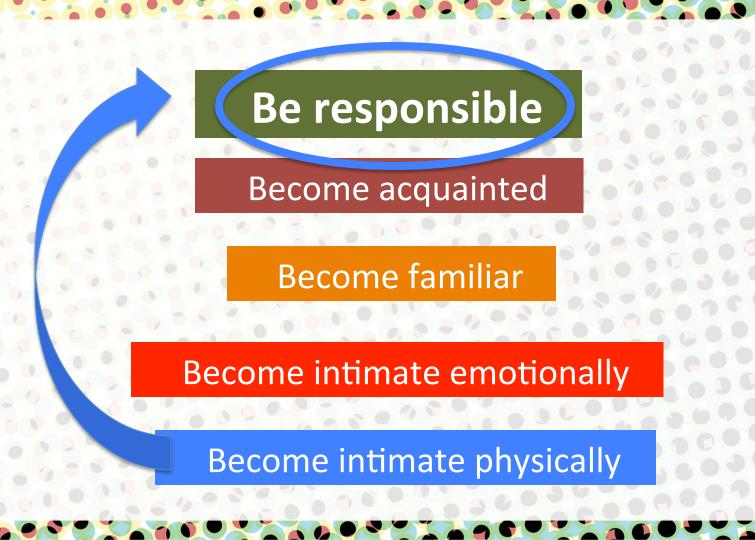
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Commit to protect their heart above yours!

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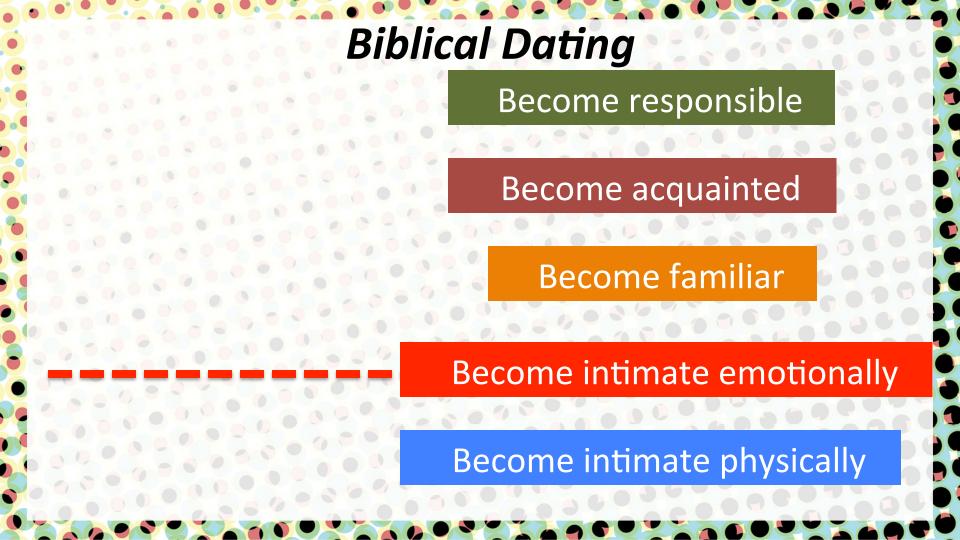
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- "True love involves responsibility— the one for the other and both before God. Where love is, you no longer say "I" but "you";
- "I am responsible for you. You are responsible for me." Together then you stand before God where you do not say "you and I" but rather "we".

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Remember: A flawed process inevitably produces a flawed product.



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